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Midcoast Humane to Host Low-Cost Rabies Clinic in Cumberland

BRUNSWICK, ME - As part of its ongoing efforts to support pet owners in the community, Midcoast Humane is hosting a low-cost rabies clinic for cats and dogs at the Cumberland Town Hall on Saturday, January 18th, 2020 from 9:00am – 11:00am. Services offered will include rabies vaccines (\$10), microchipping (\$25), ear cleaning (\$10) and nail trimming (\$10). This clinic is one of a series that will take place throughout the year in a variety of Midcoast Maine municipalities.

Given the recent increase in rabies cases throughout the area, now is the best time to make sure that all pets are up to date on their vaccines. "Rabies is a rare but fatal disease which is completely preventable with proper vaccinations," stated Dr. Alison Pare, Medical Director for Midcoast Humane. "The Midcoast Humane Rabies Clinics are a great opportunity for pet owners to stop in and have their pets' vaccines updated," said Dr. Pare. The first rabies clinic of 2020 took place at the Harpswell Town Office on January 4th and was a great success.

The public is welcome to attend from 9:00am to 11:00am, and no appointment is necessary. For the safety of the animals, Midcoast Humane asks that dogs are brought on leashes and cats in carriers. If available, please bring your pet's most recent rabies vaccination certificate. This clinic is not intended to replace the valuable and ongoing relationship between pet owners and their veterinarians, which is crucial to helping pets live their healthiest lives.

About Midcoast Humane

Brunswick Animal Shelter was founded in 1950 by a group of Brunswick citizens concerned with the welfare of the area's stray animals. The modest accommodation was operated and maintained by volunteers in an old barn not far from where the shelter currently stands at 30 Range Road. In 1965, the Brunswick Animal Shelter was dissolved and replaced by the *Brunswick Area Humane Society* which was incorporated as a non-profit. Known for decades as Coastal Humane Society, the nonprofit took over operations for Lincoln County Animal Shelter in Edgecomb, Maine in July 2015, and

officially merged operations with that shelter in October 2018. The two organizations were rebranded as Midcoast Humane which now serves 41 municipalities in the state.

For more information, to make a donation, or to see animals available for adoption, please visit www.midcoasthumane.org or call (207) 449-1366.

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