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Midcoast Humane to Host Emergency Rabies Clinic in Bath

BRUNSWICK, ME - In response to the recent rabid fox attacks in the city of Bath, Midcoast Humane is hosting a low-cost emergency rabies clinic for cats and dogs at the Train Depot on Wednesday, March 4th from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Services offered will include rabies vaccines (\$10) and microchipping (\$25).

Although rabies is a fatal disease, it is completely preventable with the proper vaccinations. Domestic animals that have the highest risk of contracting rabies are those that come into contact with wild animals, and more cats contract rabies than any other domestic animal. "Given the recent rabies outbreak in Bath, it is more important than ever for pet owners to get their pets vaccinated against the disease," stated Dr. Alison Pare, Medical Director for Midcoast Humane.

Mary P. Sundeen, President of Midcoast Humane commented, "Many individuals simply cannot afford to take their pets to the vet for rabies vaccinations making Midcoast Humane's mobile clinics a crucial community resource. Our low-cost vaccination program directly addresses an unmet need in the communities we serve and provides for improved health and wellness in hundreds of animals each year."

The public is welcome to attend from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and no appointment is necessary. Anyone who is in line by 1:00pm will be served. 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

For 70 years, Midcoast Humane has served the animals and people of Midcoast Maine, with a focus on animal health and well-being. In 1950, the *Brunswick Animal Shelter* was founded 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 40 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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