

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL REGULATION  
111 EAST FIRST STREET

APRIL 14, 1971

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim McNamara - Susan Bryant  
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City-wide public low cost anti-rabies clinics for dogs will be conducted during the first week in May.

Four clinics will be held in the San Fernando Valley area. They are scheduled Monday, May 3 at Sepulveda Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Boulevard, Encino; Tuesday, May 4 at Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Street, Sylmar; Wednesday, May 5 at Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills; and Thursday, May 6 at Sun Valley Recreation Center, 8133 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley.

Three other city clinics will be held Tuesday, May 4 at El Sereno Playground, 4721 Klamath Street, El Sereno; Thursday, May 6 at George H. Peck Memorial Community Center, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro; and Friday, May 7 at Silverlake Recreation Center, 1850 West Silverlake Drive, Los Angeles.

Anti-rabies vaccinations will be available at all clinics on the dates specified from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Only dogs on leash, and under control of a competent person, will be allowed at the clinics.

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Two clinics will be held in Central City, Los Angeles. They are scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 at El Sereno Playground, 4721 Klamath Street, El Sereno; and Friday, May 7 at Silverlake Recreation Center, 1850 West Silverlake Drive, Los Angeles.

Five other clinics will be held in the San Fernando Valley and Harbor areas. They are scheduled for Monday, May 3 at Sepulveda Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Boulevard, Encino; Tuesday, May 4 at Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Street, Sylmar; Wednesday, May 5 at Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills; Thursday, May 6 at Sun Valley Recreation Center, 8133 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley, and George H. Peck Memorial Community Center, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro.

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The Harbor clinic is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at George H. Peck Memorial Community Center, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro.

Six other City clinics are scheduled for Monday, May 3 at Sepulveda Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Boulevard, Encino; Tuesday, May 4 at El Sereno Playground, 4721 Klamath Street, El Sereno and Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Street, Sylmar; Wednesday, May 5 at Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills; Thursday, May 6 at Sun Valley Recreation Center, 8133 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley; and Friday, May 7 at Silverlake Recreation Center, 1850 West Silverlake Drive, Los Angeles.

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The seven spring clinics are scheduled for Monday, May 3 at Sepulveda Sports Center, 17015 Durbank Boulevard, Encino; Tuesday, May 4 at El Sereno Playground, 4721 Klamath Street, El Sereno, and Sylmar Recreation Center 13109 Borden Street, Sylmar; Wednesday, May 5 at Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills; Thursday, May 6 at Sun Valley Recreation Center, 8133 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley, and George H. Peck Memorial Community Center, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro; and Friday, May 7 at Silverlake Recreation Center, 1850 West Silverlake Drive, Los Angeles.

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All dogs, four months and older, residing in the City must be inoculated against rabies every two years according to California State Law.

Cost of the vaccination, per dog, is two dollars. Mandatory dog licenses also will be available at the clinics. The license fee is four dollars.

The public low cost anti-rabies clinic program is supervised by the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation in cooperation with the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Because of the increased demand for the public clinic service, the program has been expanded this year. The 1971 clinic schedule was opened in February when 3,219 dogs were inoculated against rabies. The May clinics will be followed by later sessions scheduled in August and November.

Robert I. Rush, General Manager of the City Department of Animal Regulation, urged pet owners with eligible dogs to participate in the May clinics, and not delay the immunization until the late summer and autumn months.

"Mid-summer protection against rabies is extremely important," he stated. "Rising summer temperatures always accentuate the animal bite problem."

Rush noted that approximately 30,000 animal bites (not all attributed to dogs) occur in the City of Los Angeles each year. However, on a brighter note, he added that the incidence of rabies from dog bites virtually has been eliminated.



"This is due chiefly to the City's anti-rabies inoculation program," he said.

According to Modern Veterinary Practice, a veterinary trade magazine, "Rabies transmission from dog to man has fairly steadily decreased since 1944, when there were more than 50 human deaths in the U.S., mostly from dog bites. Since then, vaccination and improved dog control measures have, in large part, been responsible for reducing this figure to 2 or 3 annually. But some 600,000 persons are bitten every year and 30,000 take the Pasteur treatment. During an outbreak in California in 1948--before vaccination was widespread--3,334 persons received anti-rabies treatment at a cost of \$316,700 to the state."

Last year, 21,058 dogs received anti-rabies inoculations during the City low cost clinic program. This year, approximately 26,000 dogs are expected to be serviced.

Rush noted that the clinic program during the first week in May corresponds to National Be Kind To Animals Week.

"Be kind to your dog during Kindness Week," Rush urged. "Bring him (or her) to one of the clinics in your area."

Further clinic information can be obtained by calling 733-6493 (Central City) or 765-7553 (San Fernando Valley).