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**CATAWBA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER TO OFFER FREE RABIES VACCINES  
ON SEPTEMBER 28 IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD RABIES DAY**

Catawba County Animal Services will be offering free rabies vaccines to pets of county citizens at the County Animal Shelter on World Rabies Day, thanks to 100 vaccines provided by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc.

Vaccines will be administered on a first-come, first-serve basis, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm or until supply is depleted, on Friday, September 28, 2012. In an effort to reach as many citizens as possible, the offer is limited to one animal per citizen.

“This event offers a great opportunity to increase awareness regarding the importance of having the public’s animals vaccinated against rabies”, said Mark Pettit, Interim Animal Services Manager. “

The Catawba County Animal Shelter will continue normal operations during this event. Donations of dog and cat food will also be accepted at the shelter at any time. The Catawba County Animal Shelter is located at 100 Southwest Blvd. #C, Newton, NC 28658. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, 11 am-6 pm and Saturday, 10 am-3 pm.

For more information concerning these events, contact the Catawba County Animal Shelter at 828-465-8228. For further information about Catawba County Animal Services and to see a list of adoptable animals, visit <http://esweb.catawbacountync.gov/AdoptAnimal>.