



COLLIN COUNTY

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All American Dogs

Animal Control : Code Enforcement

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE:

Rabies in northeast Collin County

(Blue Ridge, Texas) – We are seeing an increase in rabies in the Blue Ridge area. This health notice is from all agencies informing and educating to keep everyone safe.

Rabies is a viral illness that can be transmitted through an infected animal's saliva. Infected animals can transmit the rabies virus prior to the onset of symptoms. The illness can be prevented with treatment before symptoms begin. However, once a person has symptoms, the disease is almost always fatal if left untreated. Animal contact, such as bites or scratches or contact with saliva, may lead to exposure to rabies. Humans who have been bitten or scratched by a rabid animal must have a series of shots to prevent becoming infected with rabies.

Vaccination of all cats and dogs is required by state law and is the first line of defense against human infection. We urge all cat and dog owners to have their animals vaccinated and to keep vaccinations up to date. Please see your veterinarian for more information on rabies vaccination for your pets. Dogs must be kept inside a fence or enclosure and not allowed to Run At Large inside the City Limits.

Helpful Links to Educate and Keep Everyone Safe:

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding Rabies](#)

[Centers for Disease Control - Rabies Prevention](#)

[American Veterinary Medical Association](#)

[Texas A&M Research – Rabies Awareness](#)