

### Communication

Dear Jeff:  
On Sat., April 25, Polk County will be holding Rabies Clinics at various locations in the county. These clinics are held for your convenience, so please take advantage of them.

Already several warnings have been written for not having proof of valid rabies vaccinations. I will be checking all over the county for this violation and warnings will be written, for now.

It is a state law that every dog and cat four months old and older must have a rabies vaccination. The threat of rabies is greater now than in the past few years, so it is important to comply with this law. Also, state law states that it is illegal for anyone, except a licensed veterinarian to possess the vaccine. So your pet must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian.

Each clinic location will be staffed by veterinarians from Polk County. The cost for a rabies vaccination is only \$5 at the clinic. So, protect your pet and yourself by taking advantage of the clinic in your area.

Remember, protection is less expensive and less painful than the cure.

If you choose not to take your pet to one of the clinic locations and it has not been vaccinated, please contact a veterinarian of your choice and get the vacci-

nation. Remember, after April 25 the warnings may stop. If you are charged for violating this law you will pay a fine, court cost and a visit to a veterinarian for the vaccination.

Raphael Foy  
Animal Control Officer

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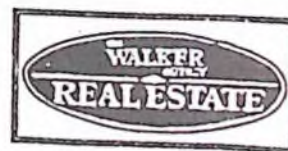
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