

Lancaster County Offers Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics

LANCASTER — A low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 11 locations across Lancaster County. All Lancaster County veterinarians are cooperating to provide the entire county with clinics to maintain a barrier of rabies-vaccinated pets between the wildlife rabies epidemic and ourselves.

This year Lancaster County has the highest number of confirmed rabies cases according to the State Health Department. This passive,

non-scientific method of tabulating cases in no way describes the extreme extent of the rabies epidemic in Lancaster County. Rabies experts have found as rabies epidemics spread through the wildlife that over 60 percent of the raccoon population will have rabies. Since the rabies virus promotes aggressiveness in the affected animal, the virus is easily spread to other animals such as the wandering dog and cat population. Any animal showing abnormal behavior or paralysis must be con-

sidered to have rabies until proven otherwise.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats will be given for \$5 per animal. Certificates of prior vaccinations are helpful in properly preparing new certificates. Almost all dogs and cats vaccinated at prior rabies vaccination clinics require booster vaccinations to maintain immunity. Annual vaccination against rabies maintains the highest level of protection against rabies. No other services can be provided at this rabies vaccination clinic. Dogs and cats must be in carriers or on leashes. Locations for the rabies clinic are: Atglen Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Raymond Ewing, Christiana, Pa. 17509; Awad Animal Hospital, Dr. Fayed Awad, 388 Hershey Road, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022; Columbia Animal Hospital, Dr. David Burrichter, Rt. 462 E, Columbia, Pa. 17512; Conestoga Animal Hospital, Dr. Melvin Wenger, R.D. 3 Hinkletown, Ephrata, Pa. 17522; Dr. John Ingold, 1256 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, Pa. 17566; Lancaster Boys Club, Dr. Thomas Gemmill, 333 Dauphin St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603; Lititz Recreation Center, Dr. Richard Baron, 21 North Spruce Street, Lititz, Pa. 17543; Neffsville Veterinary Clinic Ltd., Dr. Russell Nyland, 2555 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pa. 17601; Smoketown Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Harold Landis, Smoketown, Pa. 17576; Tower Road Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Warren R. Piersol, 700 E. Main St., New Holland, Pa. 17557; Willow Run Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Frank

Abel, 320 Beaver Valley Pike, Willow Street, Pa. 17584.

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eligibility could be challenged by the public. Challenges were to be made to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service by Thursday, May 12.

Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock agent, predicted that 10 to 15 percent of the county's eligible 4,500 producers would come in to vote.

Many of those voting no agreed with a beef farmer from Manheim who said "I'm a producer and some of my cattle go back for breeding stock, and it's unfair that money is taken off of them. I'd like to this change before we vote yes or no on the referendum."

Others felt that the money spent on advertising isn't what affected beef prices. They believed it simply was a matter of supply and demand. The beef supply is lower than current demand. "They haven't been having too much success with the advertising," commented a Leola beef producer who wished to remain anonymous. "Sure we're getting a better price for beef, but we're paying more for feeder cattle too. The difference in the gain isn't helping us."

Some of those in favor of the referendum felt that advertising has worked though, "prices are higher on calves and cull cows, and if it only costs \$1 to keep it that

high, I'm for it," said a Manheim farmer. Wilmer Conrad of Lititz agreed saying, "I'm in favor of advertising because eventually a cow goes for hamburger anyway. The only thing I have against the checkoff is selling breeding stock; that bugs me."

Many producers, both dairy and beef, felt that promotion was effective, but they also felt that the money shouldn't come from the producer: "the simplest way to get funds is from farmers," declared an Elizabethtown dairy farmer. "It would be more fair to go to the merchandiser or store owner, who would in turn pass it on to the consumer and that's where the check-off should be."

"I also think having 4-H's vote isn't fair because they don't have stock in it; most times parents bought the steers."

Another stumbling block for some voters was government control. As one farmer put it, "if there isn't any government control, then why is the checkoff mandatory?"

The tally in Lancaster County will be an indicator of how the vote will do in the rest of the country, according to Hary. H. Stambaugh, beef producer and member of the Pennsylvania Cattle Marketing Associates. "If it's even close in Lancaster County, then the referendum will pass in the rest of the nation," he predicted.

Coder Joins DHIA Staff

STATE COLLEGE (Centre) — Pennsylvania DHIA welcomes aboard Ronald T. Coder as accounting associate. Ron graduated from Penn State in 1951 with a B.S. in wood utilization, and holds an M.B.A. degree from George Washington University ('72). Ron began his career as an Air Force pilot, and remained in the Air Force for 23 years. He logged over 5000 flying hours during his career, including combat missions in South East Asia.

Ron works closely with James Garrity, Director of Finance and Personnel for PA DHIA in the areas of finance and employee benefits, a field where he has had considerable experience. After retirement from the Air Force, Ron worked for a year in the accounts receivable and credit department at Herbert R. Imbt, Inc. of State College, and then became Director of Renovation, Purchasing and Inspections for the Federal Home & Mortgage Co. of State College.

Ron also worked for 4 years as the Executive Director of The Second Mile, an organization founded by Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sundusky to help neglected youth. For the past 4 years Ron has acted as Treasurer for the State College Presbyterian Church.

Ron and his family have been very active in Penn State athletics. Ron was a member of the 1950 & 1951 National Championship Soccer team at Penn State, and was a member of the 1956 Olympic Soccer Team. All four of his sons played football at Penn State, and his oldest son played professional football in the NFL and USFL for 10 years, spending most of his career with the Seattle Seahawks.

Ron is married to the former Hope Jeffries, daughter of William & Sarah Jeffries. William Jeffries is a familiar name to many Pennsylvania dairymen as he was involved in Penn State's Agricultural Extension Service for over 40 years.

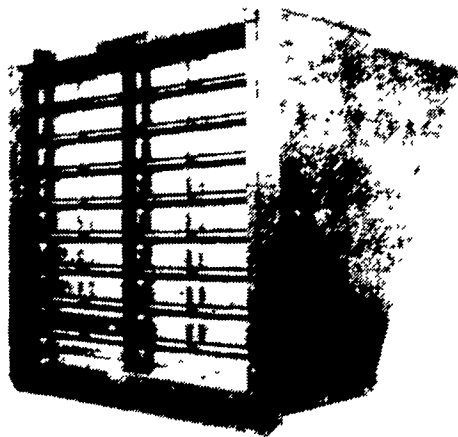


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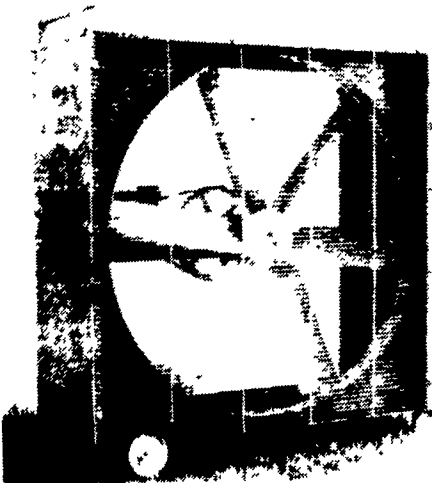


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