

State Offers Rabies Education Seminar In Johnstown

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—An increasingly high number of rabies cases has prompted state and local officials to organize a seminar concerning rabies prevention, control and treatment on Tuesday, April 18 in Johnstown.

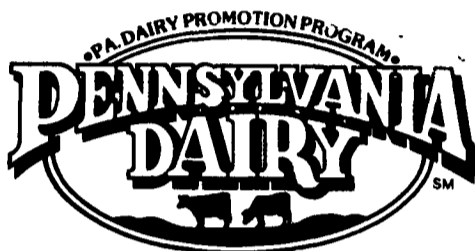
The seminar is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Johnstown Campus of the University of Pittsburgh in the Living/Learning Center. It will bring together officials from the state Health and Agriculture departments, Cambria County Humane Society and Pennsylvania Game Commission in an effort to share information about the disease with the community.

Dr. Karen Martin, a veterinary medical field officer in the Agriculture Department's Altoona office, and David Vore, a livestock disease control technician, will participate in the seminar.

"As contact with animals increases in the spring and summer months, the concern for rabies is great," Martin said. "We all benefit from a seminar like this, because it offers first-hand information to the audience, allowing representatives from all the agencies involved to provide a coordinated front."

Martin plans to discuss rabies in animals, Pennsylvania's Rabies Vaccination Law, the role the Agriculture Department plays in rabies diagnostics, and the sequence of events that occurs once an animal is exposed to rabies.

The seminar, sponsored by the Health Department and Cambria County Humane Society, is geared toward health professionals, animal protection officers, police officers and emergency workers, as well as the public at large. To pre-register, call the Health Department at (814) 533-2205.



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At left, Phil Kimmel, president, and William Hostettler, chairman of the board of directors, confer on the annual report for Keystone Farm Credit.

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Garber is a partner in James Garber & Sons, which is involved in poultry, hog, and steer production in Mount Joy. He is also vice president of Garber Farms, Inc., a trucking enterprise. Garber is a member of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and is past vice chairman of the Lancaster County Farmers Association. Community involvement include chairman of the Mennonite Home Board, Hamilton Bank Advisory Board, and a trustee of Lancaster Bible College.

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Kunkel has been farming for 48 years in Berks County. He helps his son with the dairy and crop operation. He is a member of Berks County Farm Bureau, Kempton Lions Club, and the Kempton Fire Company. He has held offices in the Berks County Farmers Association, Kempton Lions Club, New Bethel Lutheran Church, and the Berks County Rural Letter Carriers Association.

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