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Rabies Shot Clinic in Falcon a Success

El Paso County, CO—Hundreds of concerned pet owners brought their dogs and cats to receive low-cost rabies vaccinations Saturday at a clinic offered by the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment and several partner agencies.

The rabies vaccination clinic was held to remind all pet owners to protect their pets and their families from rabies, a disease that is almost always fatal once symptoms begin. The clinic was made possible through a partnership between the Health Department, El Paso County, Big R in Falcon and the Colorado Springs Area Veterinary Society.

Between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Big R in Falcon, 386 dogs and cats were vaccinated by licensed veterinarians who volunteered their services. Rabies vaccinations are especially important right now because of an epidemic of rabies among skunks in El Paso County and in Colorado.

Pet owners and clinic sponsors braved strong winds, blowing snow and cold to participate in the clinic. The weather conditions were so extreme that weeks of planning and preparation had to be revised on the fly, causing delays in parking and registration. But those attending exercised patience and were grateful for the services provided.

Those unable to attend the clinic Saturday are encouraged to contact their own veterinarian right away to update rabies vaccinations or to find a veterinarian through the website, www.colovma.com.

For more information, visit www.elpasocountyhealth.org