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Rabies: Educate. Vaccinate. Eliminate: Caldwell County joins World Rabies Day 2016

World Rabies Day, September 28, 2016, is a global campaign to help prevent the world's most fatal disease. World Rabies Day is being facilitated by the international non-profit organization, Global Alliance for Rabies Control. This year's theme is Rabies: Educate. Vaccinate. Eliminate. Working together against rabies, helps people and animals live safely, together against rabies.

"Rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease so pet owners should make sure their animals' rabies vaccinations are current," says Denise Michaud, Caldwell County Health Department, Health Director. It is important to have your pets vaccinated. Keeping your pet's rabies vaccination up-to-date will help protect your community, family and pets from this deadly virus. If your pet is up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, they are protected from the rabies virus. If your pet has not been vaccinated or is not up-to-date on vaccinations, there is a possibility your pet could acquire the rabies disease. Vaccines are available at your local veterinarian's office and Caldwell County Animal Control.

The aim of World Rabies Day's theme, Rabies: Educate. Vaccinate. Eliminate, is to build on recent commitments to globally eliminate human deaths from rabies by 2030. According to Professor Louis Nel, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, "We can save the lives of tens of thousands of people that die needlessly each year from rabies by raising awareness of the disease and taking the correct preventative measures."

Additional information is available online at www.rabiesalliance.org or by calling Caldwell County Animal Control (828) 757-8625.

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