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A Healthy Pet Is A Happy Pet! ***Jersey City's Pet Owner's Day Clinics Return Making*** ***Vaccinations Available For ALL Jersey City Dogs and Cats*** ***Through Grant Monies From Both The ASPCA® And Banfield*** ***Charitable Trust!***

JERSEY CITY –Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, the **Department of Health & Human Services/Division of Health** are proud to present Jersey City's **fourth annual Pet Owner's Day Clinics**, which will begin and run weekends through Saturday, May 11, 2013. All events will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the dates listed below.

"I strongly encourage all residents with dogs and cats to take advantage of this event," said **Mayor Healy**. "This year, we welcome **Banfield Charitable Trust**, who, along with the **ASPCA®**, supports the work we do by encouraging residents to not only vaccinate, but to spay or neuter their pets. My Administration has sought and obtained outside funding for programs which not only allow residents' dogs or cats to lead longer, healthier lives, it cuts down on the number of unwanted Dogs and Cats which wind up in shelters each year."

Pet Owner's Day began as one event at City Hall in 2010 and is now in its fourth year with four clinics scheduled for 2013. This year, the City is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from **Banfield Charitable Trust**, which will pay for the veterinarians, technicians and the vaccinations for our Pet Owners Day clinics.

Once again we were awarded a \$10,000 **ASPCA®**, grant, the second such grant the City has received from the **ASPCA®**. The **ASPCA®**, grant will not only pay for the vaccinations at our clinics, but will cover vaccinations of all dogs and cats in our targeted free spay and neuter program, as well. The targeted zip code spay/neuter program comes from **PetSmart Charties'** \$79,000 grant to the City in 2012.

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In addition to the traditional FREE rabies shots for BOTH dogs and cats, we will once again offer **FREE** wellness shots to any dog or cat whose owner is a resident of Jersey City:

- For Dogs (4 in 1) DA2PP = Distemper, Adenovirus 2 (also called Hepatitis), Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus.
- For Cats (3 in 1) FVRCP = Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia (cat distemper).

“The best way to protect your health and the health of your family and friends, is to avoid exposure to rabies and other highly contagious diseases by keeping your pet up---to---date on wellness shots,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are happy to be able to provide this to residents free of charge.”

All dogs must be licensed to receive free shots (cats are not required to be licensed in Jersey City) and Bureau of Animal Control personnel will be on hand to help residents take advantage of the immensely popular and frugal “Save on the Fee & Tag Fido for Three” program, where canines are licensed for three years at the low cost of \$20 per neutered dog or \$30 per unneutered dog. Residents who wish to license their dogs for only one year will pay \$8 for neutered pets and \$12 for unneutered animals.

“As a responsible dog owner, it is important to license your dog in the municipality where you live,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Licensing allows us to keep not only a record of your dog’s history, but in the event that your dog is lost, he or she can be quickly and easily identified using a registration tag. “

People For Animals is once again joining Pet Owner’s Day this year and will provide residents and their pets with Spay/Neuter counseling, \$25 micro---chipping, Activyl and Revolution flea prevention applications for \$15.00 for dogs and \$12.00 for cats, and Strongid (dewormer) home dosages at \$5 per each 10 pounds of body weight.

Residents whose dogs are already up---to---date with their rabies shots and have a three---year dog license can still come to these clinics for the free wellness shots and other services provided by People For Animals.

All dogs must be leashed or in a carrier. All cats must be in a carrier. Dogs and cats must be accompanied by an adult (18 and over) at all times.

2013 Pet Owner’s Day Clinics will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Sunday, April 21st @ City Hall, 280 Grove Street
- Sunday, April 28th @ Pershing Field (Behind Skating Rink), 201 Central Avenue
- Saturday, May 4th @ Bethune Center Parking Lot, 140 MLK Drive
- Saturday, May 11th @ Lincoln Park (Running Track Parking Lot)

Note: Please make all **Checks or Money Orders for Licensing Fees Payable to “Jersey City Division Of Health”**. **NO CASH** will be accepted for licensing. **People For Animals** accepts **Cash or Credit Cards (Master Card/Visa/Discover) ONLY**. **No checks.**

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