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## ***Mayor Healy to Celebrate Jersey City Pet Owners' Day*** ***Dedicated Day for Pet Lovers in Jersey City*** ***Including Free Rabies Shots For Both Dogs and Cats***

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, the **Department of Health & Human Services/ Division of Health** present *Jersey City Pet Ownership Day, A FREE Clinic for Pet Owners*, including free rabies shots for both dogs and cats, which are being offered in various locations throughout the city.

“I strongly encourage dog and cat owners to take advantage of this event,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Your pets are part of your family and the best way to protect your own health, and the health of your family and friends, is to avoid exposure to rabies and keep your pets up-to-date on their rabies shots.”

Rabies shots typically cost \$50 - \$90 per pet and because of the importance of keep your pets up-to-date with their rabies shots, the City of Jersey City is offering them FREE of charge.

**Rabies clinics** will be held at the following locations:

May 7, 2011 (Saturday) 11am - 3pm	The Mary Bethune Center Parking Lot 140 Martin Luther King Drive
May 15, 2011 (Sunday) 11am - 3pm	Pershing Field (Behind Ice Skating Rink) 201 Central Avenue
May 22, 2011 (Sunday) 11am - 3pm	Lincoln Park (The parking lot adjacent to the running track)

“As a responsible dog owner, it is just as important to license your dog in the municipality where you live,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Not only to keep 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.”

In order to receive assistance with the licensing process, it is important for pet owner’s to have proof of record of up-to-date valid rabies shots.

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**Licenses & Fees - NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Please make checks or money orders payable to *"The Jersey City Division of Health."*

**1 Year License** (Expires 04/30/2012)

\*Neutered dogs: \$8.00

Unneutered dogs: \$12.00 per dog

\*Must have proof that dog is spayed/neutered

**3 Year License** (Expires 04/30/2014)

\*Neutered dogs: \$20.00

Unneutered dogs: \$30.00 per dog

\*Must have proof that dog is spayed/neutered

The event and rabies shots are free for all Jersey City residents and their dogs and cats. **Animal Control** will license your dog at the event. **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.**

For more information, call 201-547-4888 or 201-547-5507 or visit the City's website at [www.jerseycitynj.gov](http://www.jerseycitynj.gov)

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