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HSSA protects community pets with free distemper vaccinations

In the past two weeks, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona has seen an increase in dogs coming in from the community that have been positive for distemper, a deadly virus that has no medical cure. The only way to prevent the spread of distemper is through vaccination.

As the region's leader in animal welfare education and prevention, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona is hosting a special public event offering free distemper vaccinations in an effort to protect our community's pets from the deadly distemper virus.

A mobile vaccination clinic will be held from 7-9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 14, at the HSSA property at 635 W. Roger Road, just west of Oracle. DAPP vaccinations are free; dogs can also get a rabies vaccination for \$13 and microchip for \$15. Cash only will be accepted. **This clinic will be for dogs only.**



There will be tents set up to provide ample shade for you and your dog, and water bowls to keep your pup hydrated. Free eegees will keep humans cool.

A special thanks to Dr. Janet Forrer from Sunrise Pet Clinic and Dr. Debra Bohnke from Cimarron Animal Hospital for volunteering their time to help the HSSA protect our community from this disease.

Prevention of this disease is so critical, the HSSA has committed to offer free DAPP vaccinations at its regular low-cost vaccination clinics until the end of July. These limited-capacity clinics are held from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A pet owner's best option is to make an appointment with your regular vet to ensure your pet is up-to-date with his shots.

Canine Distemper is a highly contagious and deadly virus that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal and central nervous system. The only way to prevent your dog from contracting distemper is to keep his vaccinations up-to-date. Puppies need an initial shot followed by several boosters. Adult dogs should get a DAPP shot once a year.

Prevention saves lives. Distemper is deadly, but it is preventable. Vaccinate.

For more information or questions please visit hssaz.org or call 321-3704, ext. 138.