

CRITTER TALES
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RABIES CLINIC: We will be sponsoring only one rabies clinic this month. It will be held on Saturday, the 28th. The clinic will be held at the Army Reserve Center – Drill Hall on Summit Avenue. The time is 10AM – NOON. Dr. Jergen Lang will be our vet & he will have all vaccines available. He will come out to your vehicle to administer the shots if necessary. County dog licenses and City of Ladysmith cat licenses will be available for purchase. **There will NOT be another rabies clinic until March.**

FEBRUARY SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS: Spay/neuter vouchers will be available again at the animal shelter for all Rusk County residents. These vouchers offer a \$10-\$25* discount towards the spay or neuter of a cat or dog at the vet of your choice. **The vouchers are valid during the month of February and there is a limit of one voucher per family.** Now is the time to fix your pet and avoid unwanted litters. Ladyvet Animal Hospital & Ladysmith Vet Clinic will also have our vouchers on hand, so if you are making your appointment with them, you don't need to pick one up from us. Call early to schedule your appointment with the vet. If your vet will not honor the voucher, you may bring us your paid vet bill showing that you had your pet fixed in February & we will issue you a check for the amount of the voucher. *The value of the discount is dependent on the type & sex of the animal. Please know that this program is available from the recycling of aluminum cans that we collect all year. So please donate your cans to us. We will pick them up if you have a large amount. If we don't get cans, we cannot continue to offer this discount. Thanks. ☺

SNOWMOBILES & YOUR DOG: The trails will soon be open. Every year, we get in stray dogs that follow snowmobiles going down the trails. If you live near a trail, please take extra precautions to make sure that your dog doesn't take off down the trail. Make sure that your dog has a collar with tags on it, so that if your dog does get lost, we can get him back home.

RENEW YOUR DOG LICENSES: Every dog license expired 12/31/11 & now is the time to purchase a 2012 license. During January, you can purchase dog licenses from your local treasurer, the county clerk's office, or the animal shelter. Every dog 4 months or older must have a current rabies vaccination & it must have a county license if 5 months or older. Please bring your pet's current rabies certificate when you go to purchase its license. The cost is only \$5 for a neutered dog and \$10 for an intact dog. The majority of money received from the sale of dog licenses supports our local shelter. Obey the law & help our shelter. Avoid a \$180 citation!

CITY CAT LICENSES: Cat owners living in the City of Ladysmith must license their cats. Licenses are available at city hall & the animal shelter. Please bring the cat's rabies certificate when you go to purchase the license.

SHELTER WISH LIST:

Gordy's Receipts, regular cat litter, cat toys and catnip, rawhide treats for dogs, dry dog and cat food, flea & tick topical medication, dog & cat collars, bleach, dish soap, aluminum cans

Happy New Year!

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