

General Clinic Information

- **How should I bring my pets to the clinic?**
 - For the safety of your pets and everyone at the clinic, please bring cats in individual carriers and dogs on leashes. Ensure that your dog's collar is properly tightened so that it cannot slip off over their head.
- **Is there a cost for the services?**
 - The rabies vaccinations and microchips are provided free of charge.
- **Do I need an appointment?**
 - No appointments needed. Arrive anytime between 8am and 10am and we'll be happy to see your pet.
- **How long will the clinic be open?**
 - The clinic will be open to the public from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- **Where is the clinic located?**
 - The clinic is located at Tallahassee Animal Services, 1125 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL.
- **Is there parking available?**
 - Yes, although parking is limited at the shelter. You may be directed to park next door at the Red Cross.
- **Do I need to live in Leon County to participate?**
 - Yes, this clinic is for Leon County residents only.
- **How long is the wait?**
 - Since we are first-come first-served, the wait times can vary. Please come with a bit of patience and rest assured we will see your pet.

Pet Eligibility and Requirements

- **What types of animals do you provide services for?**
 - We provide rabies vaccinations and microchips for dogs and cats.
- **How many pets can I bring?**
 - To ensure efficient service for everyone, we recommend limiting the number of pets to 5. If you have more than 5 pets, please check in and complete your clinic paperwork *before* removing any pets from your vehicle. Inform the check-in staff that you have multiple pets, and they will direct you to a designated area to efficiently serve your animals. Please ensure each animal is individually restrained in a carrier or on a leash.
- **Can I bring my foster animal to get a rabies vaccine?**
 - No. This clinic is for owned pets, not for rescue groups or foster animals.
- **Can I bring my feral cat in a trap?**
 - We will make every attempt to help vaccinate your feral cat, but we cannot guarantee that we'll be able to do so. We want to make sure it is safe for the cat, the staff, and our volunteers. This clinic is not for feral cat rescue groups.
- **My pet may be pregnant. Can she still get vaccinated and microchipped?**
 - For the safety of your pet and her unborn litter, we cannot administer rabies vaccinations to pregnant animals. However, we can still provide microchipping services.
- **Can I send my pets with a friend or family member?**

- The pet's legal owner must be present to sign the necessary consent forms for vaccinations and microchipping. This ensures we have accurate records and owner authorization.

What to Bring

- **What do I need to bring?**
 - Please bring your pet's previous rabies vaccination certificate if available. This allows us to administer a 3-year rabies vaccine, if applicable. Rabies tags are not valid substitutes for the certificate.
 - Please also bring a form of identification: a driver's license or government-issued ID.

Services Provided

- **What is microchipping, and why is it important?**
 - Microchipping involves implanting a small microchip under your pet's skin, containing a unique identification number. This number is registered in a database, allowing animal shelters and veterinarians to quickly identify your pet if they become lost. It greatly increases the chances of reuniting you with your pet.
- **What type of microchip do you use?**
 - We use Petlink microchips. They are universal and can be read by most scanners.
- **What should I expect during the microchipping process?**
 - The microchip is injected just under the skin, similar to a routine vaccination. It's a quick and relatively painless procedure.
- **Will my pet be able to get a tag with its microchip information?**
 - The microchip information is stored in a database. We do not provide physical tags, but you will receive information on how to register and update your pet's microchip details.
- **What are the benefits of a rabies vaccination?**
 - A rabies vaccination protects your pet from the rabies virus, a deadly disease that can affect all mammals. It also protects your family and the community from potential exposure.
- **What should I expect during the rabies vaccination process?**
 - The rabies vaccine is an injection and is very quick. We will record the information and provide you with documentation.
- **Do you provide other vaccines or veterinary services?**
 - Our clinic focuses on providing free rabies vaccinations and microchips. For other necessary vaccinations, wellness exams, nail trims, or veterinary services, please contact your local veterinarian.
- **Can you give me sedation/tranquilizer drugs for my pet before bringing them to the clinic?**
 - We are unable to provide sedation or tranquilizer drugs. Please consult your family veterinarian for assistance.

Pet Comfort and Assistance

- **My pet is nervous around other people or animals. Can you help?**

- We understand that some pets experience anxiety in new environments. Our team is Fear Free Certified and experienced in handling pets with varying comfort levels. We will do our best to create a safe and calm experience. Please let us know if your pet has any specific needs or concerns.
- **I may need assistance at the clinic. Can you help?**
 - We'll have volunteers on hand that can help get pets out of cars, help with paperwork, and help you get your pet back to your car. If you need specific assistance, please call before the clinic to see if we can help (850.891.2950).
- **What happens if my pet has a reaction to the vaccine or microchip?**
 - Though rare, reactions can happen. Mild symptoms, such as swelling, pain at the injection site, and slight lethargy, typically resolve within 24 hours. Please seek veterinary care immediately if you notice severe swelling, hives, breathing issues, vomiting, or any other cause for concern. Any reaction-related medical costs are the owner's responsibility.