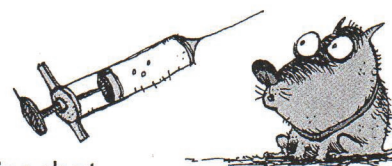


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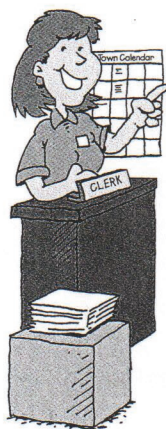
# A Shot? Why Not?



Marisa and Mario's family adopted a lovable dog named Fred. Fred was abandoned when neighbors on their street moved away. Being good citizens, the kids went to their town hall to get Fred a license. They discovered a problem, though. The clerk said that before she could issue a license, she would need proof that

Fred has had a rabies shot.

Marisa and Mario are upset. They hate shots—and they don't want their new friend to have to get one! Help the clerk explain why Fred needs to be vaccinated for rabies. Fill in the correct words.



Like most laws, licensing laws are designed to keep people and animals \_\_\_\_\_. Rabies is a \_\_\_\_\_ caused by a virus. The virus is found in the saliva of infected (rabid) animals. When a \_\_\_\_\_ animal bites or scratches, the disease can be spread to people and other animals. Requiring rabies shots helps keep the disease from \_\_\_\_\_.

Take Fred to a \_\_\_\_\_. The doctor will give him a \_\_\_\_\_ and a rabies vaccination. The \_\_\_\_\_ will keep Fred safe from the disease. Before you leave, the vet will give you a rabies certificate. Bring the \_\_\_\_\_ back to me with \$10 for the licensing fee. (The fee is only \$6 if Fred has been neutered.) I will then give you a tag to attach to Fred's \_\_\_\_\_. The tag has a \_\_\_\_\_ on it. We keep a record of the numbers here at \_\_\_\_\_. If Fred should ever become

lost, the tag will be his \_\_\_\_\_ home.

You can also \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and your pets from rabies in other ways. Keep cats \_\_\_\_\_ and walk Fred on a \_\_\_\_\_. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ with wild animals and never keep them as \_\_\_\_\_. Call animal control if you see strange-acting \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

Marisa and Mario listened carefully to the clerk. They agreed that getting a rabies shot for Fred was a good idea. They promised to make an appointment with their vet as soon as possible. They thanked the clerk for her help and walked Fred home.



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Create an informational flyer explaining why pets should be vaccinated for rabies. Ask if your town hall would display or distribute it.