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***Mayor Fulop Announces 1st Annual Pet Wellness Week;
Dept. of Health & Human Services Receives Support
from the ASPCA for FREE Rabies Vaccinations***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the **Department of Health & Human Services** is pleased to announce its **First Annual Pet Wellness Week**, which is being made possible with a \$10,000 grant from the ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) that will provide **450 FREE rabies vaccinations** for Jersey City dogs and cats. HHS is also partnering with People for Animals at each of the clinics.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15th, 2 pm to 7 pm, Mary McLeod Bethune Center (140 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., parking lot)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2 pm to 7 pm, City Hall Park (280 Grove St.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2 pm to 7 pm, Pershing Field (210 Central Ave.)

“Jersey City residents care about their pets and know that healthy pets make a great contribution to the quality of life in Jersey City,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Pet Wellness Week is one of our initiatives to help people take good care of their companion animals.”

All dogs receiving free rabies vaccinations must get new or renewal licenses. In addition to free rabies vaccinations for the first 150 dogs and cats at each location, Jersey City will offer convenient on-site dog licensing (\$8/year for spayed/neutered dogs, \$12 for unaltered, check or money order only). People for Animals will offer discounted pet services: microchipping for pet identification, basic veterinary treatments, and scheduling of low-cost spay and neuter procedures (off-site). All participants will be enrolled in the Responsible Pet Owner program, which gives discounts to many pet-related businesses in Jersey City.

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All events will be held outdoors, rain or shine. In cases of more severe weather, please check for possible cancellation with the Dept. of Health and Human Services, (201) 547-6800.

Highlights:

- Free rabies vaccinations for the first 150 dogs and cats at each location
- Low cost additional services provided by People for Animals
- On-site dog licensing (check or money orders only), bring proof of prior vaccination or licensing to qualify for 3-year license
- Scheduling of low-cost spay neuter surgery for all dogs and cats
- Free spay surgery for a limited number of female pitbull mix dogs that have had a litter with their current owner (call for reservation, 201.547.6800)

For more information, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at (201) 547-6800.

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