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Mayor Santos and Council
Town of Kingsville
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Dear Mayor and Council,

We understand that the Town of Kingsville is requiring proof of rabies vaccine for licensed dogs. To our knowledge this is something that is unique in Essex County, and a positive step to combat the risk of rabies in our community. While there hasn't been a case of rabies in a terrestrial mammal in our area for a number of years, there has been a large outbreak recently in the Hamilton area, and of course, it would only take one infected animal to be transported from that area to allow the illness to take hold here.

To support your licensing initiative, the Humane Society would like to suggest a joint program to offer rabies vaccines to your residents for free with their license purchase at a special rabies clinic in the Town of Kingsville. We would be willing to have our staff veterinarian administer the clinic and comply with all the legal requirements to do so. The only costs we would be seeking from the Town would be \$20 per animal to cover the costs of the vaccine. If the rabies clinic is held in April, that would be offset by the dog license late fee as the resident would be required to purchase a license to take advantage of the free vaccine. The only other requirements would be the use of a public location such as a community centre or arena, and a staff person from the Town to sell the dog licenses. Our hope would be that the program could be publicized by both of us through social and traditional media.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Melanie Coulter
Executive Director