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WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

WHAT: Leptospirosis Vaccine Available

WHEN: July 13, 2015

WHERE: CCSPCA Small Animal Hospital, 103 S. Hughes Fresno, CA 93706

WHY: There have been nine (9) confirmed cases of dogs infected with Leptospirosis (Lepto for short) in the Fresno area. The dogs that have been infected have frequented the El Capitan and Woodward dog parks. Lepto is a disease caused by infection with Leptospira bacteria. These bacteria can be found worldwide in soil and water. The disease is spread by coming into contact with the infected dog's urine.

The CCSPCA Small Animal Hospital will be offering Lepto vaccines for $6.00 starting on Monday, July 13, 2015. If you would like to vaccinate your dog, please call 559-237-1125 to make an appointment.

Lepto can be transferred to humans by coming into contact with an infected dog's urine. If contracted, humans experience flu-like symptoms and should consult a doctor. Symptoms in dogs may include fever, shivering, muscle tenderness, reluctance to move, increased thirst, changes in the frequency or amount of urination, dehydration, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and mucous membranes), or painful inflammation within the eyes. The disease can cause kidney failure with or without liver failure. If your dog is exhibiting these symptoms, please consult your veterinarian.

We suggest that if you take your dog to the dog park, lake, camping or anywhere outside the home to get them vaccinated against the Lepto bacteria.

If you would like more information about the Lepto bacteria, please visit www.avma.org.

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