



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



It's been a DOGgone success twice!!!

The second dog vaccine clinic held on October 10th was a huge success with 24 dogs and their owners in attendance. Each pet received an exam by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinations for rabies and distemper, deworming treatment and topical flea medicine. All services combined would have cost at least \$75 per dog but instead owners received all services free of charge. This is thanks to support from Rez Animal Resources & Education and the Squaxin Island Tribe, Office of Housing.

The two veterinarians providing services were Dr. Bruce Bell, retired, and Dr. Bob Gilpin of Boulevard Veterinary. They completed a medical exam on each dog and talked with owners about any medical concerns or needed follow-up treatment. Pet owners were given free dog food, dog treats and toys. Volunteers and veterinary staff kept very busy as the steady stream of dogs arrived for services. At the end of the day everyone agreed the event was a resounding success. Many pets on the rez are now protected from deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper and rabies.

Remember, pets need to be vaccinated once a year and given monthly flea treatment especially in the summer. Special thanks to Amy Loudermilk and Joyce Bell of Rez Animal Resources & Education (RARE) for continuing to helping pets on the rez.

If you need to get your pet (dog or cat) spayed or neutered please contact the Office of Housing for a voucher. With the voucher you will only pay \$5 for the spay/neuter procedure at the veterinary clinic. This is an awesome service that helps control the pet population. For more information please contact Rez Animal Resources & Education at (253) 370-6392.

