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## RHDV2 Vaccine Gets USDA Conditional Approval



We are pleased to announce that the RHDV2 vaccine we have been using has been given Conditional Approval by the USDA, and is no longer considered experimental. We urge all rabbit owners to get their pets vaccinated as soon as possible, especially as spring nears and wild rabbits become active outdoors.

The RHDV2 virus is highly contagious and can survive in the environment for 3 months or more, so the only sure prevention is proper vaccination.

The first time vaccine requires a microchip be placed to identify your bunny as vaccinated and a booster shot in 3-4 weeks to ensure protection. After that, one shot a year is all it takes to keep your bunny safe from this deadly virus.

READ MORE : <https://birdsandexotics.com/blog/rhdv-2-vaccine-here-mandatory/>

February is Spay and Neuter Awareness Month, and our VetCare packages can help you save money while getting your pets the care they need before accidents happen. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

## WHO NEEDS TO BE SPAYED AND NEUTERED?



Both male and female rabbits, guinea pigs, and rats are highly prone to reproductive tumors, cancers, and cysts. Male sugar gliders should be neutered to avoid accidental reproduction with intact females, as well as prevent undesirable hormonally-related issues. All "wild" pets (squirrels, opossums, raccoons, pigs, etc) need to be spayed and neutered to reduce and prevent behaviors that make them unsuited to domestic living as well as reduce or eliminate the risk of reproductive tumors, cancers, and cysts.

We recommend a Pediatric Wellness Exam for young pets soon after you bring them home so we can ensure they are getting what they need to grow and develop properly, as well as advise on how and when to change their diet from a juvenile diet to an adult diet. At this exam, we will be able to provide a timeline for their spay or neuter as appropriate. We want to help you and your pet enjoy long, happy, healthy lives together, and we have the experience to teach you how to make that happen.

READ MORE : <https://birdsandexotics.com/blog/reduction-of-reproduction/>

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