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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Animal diseases confirmed in Kahnawà:ke

(Kahnawà:ke – 4, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2012) The Animal Protection Department of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to advise the community of the confirmed presence of Heartworm and Lyme disease for animals in Kahnawà:ke.

Several animals have recently been diagnosed with these diseases. Along with canine parvovirus, these diseases are dangerous to the health of your pets, which can be identified by the following symptoms:

- **Heartworm disease:** coughing, jaundice, weakness, and fainting;
- **Lyme disease:** arthritis, joint swelling, fever, dehydration, and inactivity. **Note: As Lyme disease is a tick, it can be transmitted to humans;** and
- **Canine Parvovirus:** fatigue, loss of appetite, fever, vomiting, and severe diarrhea.

A detailed information package on the symptoms, causes and effects of these diseases can be found online at www.kahnawake.com, on the Animal Protection Facebook page or by visiting the Community Protection Unit (CPU).

Pet owners are asked to be vigilant with vaccinating and protecting their animals against these diseases. Although the dates have not been finalized, the CPU will host its Annual Vaccination Clinic towards the end of May.

If your pet has experienced any symptoms, seek veterinary assistance immediately. For further information or questions, please contact Deidra Whyte at the CPU by telephone at (450) 632-0635.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention at your discretion up to the end of May 2012

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