

RABIES MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS EXPOSED TO WILDLIFE¹
(Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets)

Exposure Category	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated
DIRECT CONTACT OR VISIBLE BITE from <u>confirmed</u> rabid animal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian boosts pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure² 2. Veterinarian notifies local or state animal control officer (ACO) 3. ACO orders strict confinement by pet owner for 45 days 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian euthanizes pet 2. If owner unwilling: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veterinarian vaccinates pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure b. Veterinarian notifies local or state animal control officer (ACO) c. ACO orders quarantine for 6 months³
DIRECT CONTACT OR VISIBLE BITE from <u>suspect</u> rabid animal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian boosts pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure² 2. Veterinarian notifies local or state ACO 3. ACO orders strict confinement by pet owner for 45 days 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian euthanizes pet 2. If owner unwilling: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veterinarian vaccinates pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure b. Veterinarian notifies local or state ACO c. ACO orders quarantine for 3 months and then strict confinement by pet owner for 3 additional months³
WOUND OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN (for example a cat abscess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian boosts pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure² 2. Veterinarian advises close observation by pet owner for 45 days 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian vaccinates pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure 2. Veterinarian advises pet owner to comply with the provisions of strict confinement for 6 months³ (approval of enclosure by the animal control officer may not be necessary)
EXPOSURE BY PROXIMITY (seen near or in same area as <u>confirmed</u> rabid animal – no known contact or wounds)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian may consider booster for pet² 2. Veterinarian advises close observation by pet owner for 45 days 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterinarian vaccinates pet, preferably within 96 hours of exposure 2. Veterinarian advises close observation by pet owner for 6 months³

¹ For the purposes of this document, wildlife includes but is not limited to raccoons, skunks, fox, woodchucks, bats and other carnivores.

² If most recent rabies vaccination was administered within 1 month, it is not necessary to re-vaccinate.

³ Quarantine, strict confinement or close observation period may be shortened for dogs and cats by the State Veterinarian, if pet is vaccinated within 96 hours of exposure.

✓ The State Veterinarian must be notified of any domestic animals suspected of having rabies.

✓ Always wear gloves when handling saliva contaminated wounds or fur.

<p>DEFINITIONS:</p> <p><u>Strict Confinement</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Animal may be kept at home in the house, garage or some other escape proof building or enclosure approved by the ACO. b) May be leash walked under immediate control of an adult within the confines of the premises only. c) Animal may not be allowed contact with other animals or humans other than the designated caretaker. d) Owner is informed of potential rabies and given copies of Rabies Advisory notice and strict confinement instructions. e) Animal is observed daily and owner is required to immediately notify the ACO or veterinarian of any unusual behavior or change in the health status of the animal. f) Owner is not allowed to sell, give away, kill or otherwise dispose of the animal during the confinement period without the permission of the State Veterinarian. g) In the event the animal escapes or dies the owner must immediately notify the ACO. 	<p><u>Close Observation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Animal may be kept at home. b) Owner informed of potential rabies and given copy of the Rabies Advisory notice. c) Owner required to immediately notify veterinarian or ACO of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet. <p><u>Quarantine</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Animal to be confined off owner's premises in a state approved facility, i.e. dog pound, veterinary hospital or commercial kennel. b) Isolate animal from human and animal contact.
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