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Stark County Rabies Advisory Committee Rabies Prevention Information Manual

PURPOSE

The purpose of this manual is to describe the rabies prevention activities in Stark County Ohio. There are a variety of governmental departments, emergency rooms, physicians, and other individuals responsible for the prevention of rabies. This manual will outline the various responsibilities, methods of contact, and other information needed to prevent the spread of rabies in our community.

BACKGROUND

Rabies is a viral disease found in mammals. It is normally transmitted through the bite of an infected animal, but can be transmitted by exposure to saliva and other fluids from an infected animal. Rabies is a serious disease that is virtually 100% fatal in humans that develop symptoms. However, rabies can be prevented by prompt medical treatment following an exposure to a rabid animal. All bites from mammals should be treated as a potential exposure to rabies. The Ohio Administrative Code requires that all animal bites be reported to the local health department within 24 hours of the bite. Prompt investigation will prevent unnecessary expense and pain associated with post-exposure rabies treatment.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

There are seven different agencies responsible for rabies control in Stark County. These agencies meet on a regular basis and comprise the Stark County Rabies Advisory Committee. The seven agencies are:

Alliance City Health Department
Canton City Health Department
Massillon City Health Department
Stark County Health Department
Stark County Dog Warden
Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
Stark County Academy of Veterinary Medicine

The health departments are responsible for the investigation of any potential human rabies exposure. Section 3701-3-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires that when any animal bites a human, that exposure is to be reported to the Health Commissioner of the Health District where the exposure occurred. Section 3701-3-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code then outlines the various responsibilities of the health department once the bite is reported. The health department will take the following actions:

1. Place the biting dog or cat under quarantine for a minimum of 10 days following the date of exposure.
2. Verify that the dog or cat was free from rabies at the time of the bite.
3. Require that the dog or cat has been properly vaccinated against rabies before releasing the quarantine.
4. Arrange for the testing of other biting animals for rabies.
5. Provide information and advice to victims and medical personnel regarding the treatment and follow up for a potential rabies exposure.
6. Provide information and assistance to animal owners and veterinarians regarding treatment and care of an animal that may be exposed to the rabies virus.

The Stark County Dog Warden assists the health departments in the control of rabies by quarantining stray dogs, verifying the rabies vaccination status of dogs, and issuing citations for failure to vaccinate dogs against rabies.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Following is a list of the agencies involved in rabies prevention in Stark County and methods of contacting these agencies.

Alliance City Health Department

Address: 537 East Market
Alliance, OH 44601-0504

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-821-7373
Fax: 330-821-9517
After Business Hours: 330-821-7373

E-Mail: rflint@alliancecityhealth.org

Canton City Health Department

Address: 420 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702-1544

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-489-3327
Fax: 330-489-3335
After Business Hours: 330-489-3231

E-Mail: info@cantonhealth.org

Massillon City Health Department

Address: 845 8th ST NE, Suite 5
Massillon, OH 44646-6685

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-830-1710
Fax: 330-830-1798
After Business Hours: 330-830-1735

E-Mail: massillonhealthdept@massillonohio.com

Stark County Health Department

Address: 3951 Convenience Cr., NW
Canton, OH 44708-2660

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-493-9904
Fax: 330-493-9920
After Business Hours: 330-493-9904

E-Mail: franksb@starkhealth.org

Stark County Dog Warden

Address: 1801 Mahoning Rd. NE
Canton, OH 44705

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-451-2343
Fax: 330-451-2350
After Business Hours: 330-451-2343

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife

Address: 912 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron, Ohio 44319

Phone Numbers:
Normal Business Hours: 330-644-2293
Fax: 330-493-9920
After Business Hours: 1-800-WILDLIFE

Ohio Department of Health

Rabies information, quarantine advice,
treatment advice, 24 hour service

1-888-722-4371

REPORTING ANIMAL BITES

Section 3701-3-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires that animal bites be reported to the Health Commissioner of the Health District in which the bite occurred within 24 hours of the bite. To facilitate this reporting a common animal bite reporting form has been developed. A copy of this form is included with this manual. Reporting emergency rooms and other physicians have been provided a copy of this form. Additional copies are available from any health department in Stark County. Reporting emergency rooms and physicians are encouraged to fax this form to the agency indicated on the form as soon as possible after the bite. Individuals may also report an animal bite by calling an agency during normal business hours.

SAMPLE GUIDELINES

It is NOT necessary to sacrifice and test every animal that is involved in an animal bite. Dogs, cats, and ferrets have an established quarantine period of 10 days. These animals have been shown to express the symptoms of rabies within that time period if they were able to transmit the virus at the time of the bite. Many other animals may also be placed under an extended quarantine period if they are valuable and have a low risk of transmitting the virus.

Animals that have a high risk of transmitting the virus such as raccoons, skunks, fox, and bats should always be captured and submitted for rabies testing if involved in a bite or other potential exposure. If captured, you should contact the appropriate local health department for instructions on what to do with the animal.

If you are observing an animal under quarantine and the animal dies during the quarantine period, you must contact your veterinarian or the appropriate local health department as soon as possible. You should place the animal in a plastic bag or other container for storage. If possible, the animal should be refrigerated, but NOT FROZEN.

If you capture a bat that was involved in a bite or other possible exposure, do not attempt to sacrifice the bat yourself. Place the bat in a sealed container such as a coffee can with a plastic lid. Contact the appropriate local health department for advice. If the bat was killed or dies, you should refrigerate the bat until it can be picked up for testing. DO NOT FREEZE THE ANIMAL AT ANY TIME.

ANIMAL GUIDELINES

Specific guidelines for investigation of animal bites can vary depending on the species of the biting animal and other circumstances surrounding the bite. The following pages of Animal Investigation Guidelines outline the basic information that should be submitted with regard to reporting an animal bite as well as the actions that may be expected to be taken by the various responsible agencies based on the reported animal bite. This information does not substitute for the official policies of the responsible agency. It is presented only for informational purposes.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES
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ANIMAL TYPE: DOG, CAT and FERRET

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bites dealing with dogs, cats and ferrets are usually similar in nature. The victim, normally a stranger to the animal, attempts to engage in close contact with the animal or inadvertently enters the animal's protected space.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 3701-3-29: " Any animal inflicting a bite to any person must be confined by its owners or keepers until it has been determined that the animal is not infected with rabies. The quarantine period shall not be less than ten days from the date of the bite and shall be at the expense of the owner or keeper. Isolation shall be within an enclosure inaccessible to people and other animals. No dog or cat shall be released from quarantine until it has been properly vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian."

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

This information must be obtained to perform a thorough bite investigation:

- A. Animal Owner Information (Skip "A" if animal is a stray)
 - I. Name
 - II. Address (including County and City)
- B. Victim Information
 - I. Name
 - II. Address
 - III. Phone Number
 - IV. Sex
 - V. Birth date or age
 - VI. Medical Treatment Received? Where and by Whom?
- C. Which Police Department was called? (A report should be made for vicious dog or severe injuries.)
- D. Animal Description
 - I. Present location (Dead or Alive)
 - II. Name if known
 - III. Breed
 - IV. Color
 - V. Sex
 - VI. Was there a collar? Was there a License or Rabies Tag? What were the numbers?
- E. Where did bite occur? (What city, or what township?)

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

For dogs that are stray or loose from owner refer to Stark County Dog Warden. Other stray animals such as cats will need to be captured by the victim or nuisance animal trapper.

Alliance City Health Department must be informed if bite occurred in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department must be informed if bite occurred in Canton City.

Massillon City Health Department must be informed if bite occurred in Massillon City. First call the Animal Control Officer at 330-844-1020, or the Massillon City Police Department, 330-830-1735.

Stark County Health Department must be informed if bite occurred anywhere else in Stark County.

Stark County Dog Warden will be called for any stray or loose DOG involved in a bite or other exposure. It is the victim's responsibility to confine a biting CAT or FERRET.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will NOT be contacted on DOG, CAT or FERRET situations.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: BAT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Most of the recent human rabies cases have been caused by rabies virus from bats. You should avoid physical contact with bats, as with all wild animals. Because the teeth of bats are small, it is often difficult to determine if there has been a bite. In situations in which a bat is physically present and you cannot reasonably rule out having been bitten, safely capture the bat for rabies testing and seek medical attention immediately. Examples include waking in a room and finding a bat, finding a bat in the room of an unattended child, or seeing a bat near a mentally impaired or intoxicated person. If the bat cannot be captured, contact your local health department and/or physician immediately.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 3701-3-29: All bites or exposures must be reported to the Health Commissioner with 24 hours of the exposure. The Health Commissioner may order the animal involved with the exposure be sacrificed and tested for rabies if the conditions warrant such action.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

This information must be obtained to perform a thorough bite investigation:

- A. Animal Owner (BATS are considered unowned and " Stray")
- B. Victim Information
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address
 - 3. Phone Number
 - 4. Sex
 - 5. Birth date
 - 6. Medical Treatment Received? Where and by Whom?
- C. Animal Description
 - 1. Present location (It is victim's responsibility to collect and confine the BAT.)
- D. Where did contact with the BAT occur? (What city, or what township?)

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department must be informed if BAT contact occurred in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department must be informed if BAT contact occurred in Canton City.

Massillon City Health Department must be informed if BAT contact occurred in Massillon City.

Stark County Health Department must be informed if BAT contact anywhere else in Stark County.

Stark County Dog Warden will NOT be contacted for BAT situations.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will NOT be contacted for BAT situations.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: EXOTIC ANIMAL BITE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EXOTIC ANIMALS are considered to be any animal not native to the State of Ohio. This would include, lions, tigers, other zoo animals. Llamas, giraffes, and zebras are ruminant animals and have a much lower risk of contracting the rabies virus than carnivorous animals. However, all mammals have the potential to transmit rabies and all exposures need to be evaluated on a case by case basis. Exotic animals should be considered owned since they are not native.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 3701-3-29: Any animal inflicting a bite to any person must be confined by its owners or keepers until it has been determined that the animal is not infected with rabies. The quarantine period shall not be less than ten days from the date of the bite and shall be at the expense of the owner or keeper. The quarantine period may be longer as determined by the Health Commissioner. Isolation shall be within an enclosure inaccessible to people and other animals. No EXOTIC ANIMAL shall be released from quarantine until it has been deemed free of rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The Health Commissioner may also order the humane killing of any biting animal, that is not a dog or cat, and having the animal tested for rabies. It must be stressed that each case should be considered unique and all precautions need to be taken to isolate the biting animal and have the animal tested for rabies after consultation with the Ohio Department of Health.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

This information must be obtained to perform a thorough bite investigation:

- A. Animal Owner
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address (including County and City)
- B. Victim Information
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address
 - 3. Phone Number
 - 4. Sex
 - 5. Birth date
 - 6. Medical Treatment Received? Where and by Whom?
- C. Which Police Department was called? (A report should be made.)
- D. Animal Description
 - 1. Present location (Dead or Alive)
 - 2. Name if known
 - 3. Breed
 - 4. Color
 - 5. Sex
 - 6. Did owner have a license to keep or care for the animal?
- E. Where did bite occur? (What city, or what township?)

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department must be informed if EXOTIC ANIMAL bite occurred in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department must be informed if EXOTIC ANIMAL bite occurred in Canton City.
It is also necessary to contact the Canton City Public Safety Director at 330-438-4312.

Massillon City Health Department must be informed if EXOTIC ANIMAL bite occurred in Massillon City.

Stark County Health Department must be informed if EXOTIC ANIMAL bite occurred anywhere else in Stark County.

Stark County Dog Warden will NOT be contacted for EXOTIC ANIMAL situations.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will NOT be contacted for EXOTIC ANIMAL situations.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: WILD ANIMAL BITE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WILD ANIMALS are considered to be any animal native to the State of Ohio and normally not owned. There are two groups of WILD ANIMALS: Those that have been demonstrated to transmit the rabies virus and those that have not been known to transmit the rabies virus. All WILD ANIMALS, whether owned or not, are considered property of the State of Ohio subject to Ohio Department of Natural Resources law.

WILD ANIMALS commonly known to be capable of transmitting the rabies virus to humans are: raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, opossum, ground hog, deer, wolf, and wolf hybrids. However, documented transmission from these vector animals is rare in Ohio.

WILD ANIMALS that have not been known to transmit the rabies virus to humans include: chipmunks, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, squirrels, rabbits, rats, and mice. You should contact the Ohio Department of Health if you have any questions regarding exposures to these animals; especially if you want the animal tested.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 3701-3-29: The Health Commissioner may order the sacrifice and testing of ANY animal involved in a potential rabies exposure as conditions warrant. In all cases the biting animal should be immediately isolated in a suitable enclosure to prevent exposure to humans until a final disposition can be determined. In most cases, the biting animal will be humanely killed and submitted for rabies testing to the Ohio Department of Health.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

This information must be obtained to perform a thorough bite investigation:

- A. Animal Owner Information (if the WILD ANIMAL is thought to be owned)
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address (including County and City)
- B. Victim Information
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address
 - 3. Phone Number
 - 4. Sex
 - 5. Birth date
 - 6. Medical Treatment Received? Where and by Whom?
- C. Which Police Department was called? (A report should be made for severe injuries.)
- D. Animal Description
 - 1. Present location (Dead or Alive)
 - 2. Type of WILD ANIMAL from list above
 - 3. Did owner have a license to keep or care for the animal (if owned)?
- E. Where did bite occur? (What city, or what township?)

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department must be informed if WILD ANIMAL bite occurred in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department must be informed if WILD ANIMAL bite occurred in Canton City.
Call Canton City Nuisance Animal Control at 330-438-9287 for capture of the WILD ANIMAL.

Massillon City Health Department must be informed if WILD ANIMAL bite occurred in Massillon City.
Call Massillon City Police Department at 330-830-1735 Animal Control, for capture of the WILD ANIMAL.

Stark County Health Department must be informed if WILD ANIMAL bite occurred anywhere else in Stark County.
Sanitarians there will also refer victim to local trapper for capture of the WILD ANIMAL.

Stark County Dog Warden will NOT be contacted for WILD ANIMAL situations.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife WILL BE contacted for WILD ANIMAL situations.

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ANIMAL TYPE: LIVESTOCK ANIMAL BITE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LIVESTOCK ANIMALS are considered to be animals normally found on farms. This would include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs but NOT poultry. LIVESTOCK ANIMALS should be assumed owned, but some may have broken free from their confines. Most LIVESTOCK ANIMALS can be vaccinated.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 3701-3-29: Any animal inflicting a bite to any person must be confined by its owners or keepers until it has been determined that the animal is not infected with rabies. The Ohio Department of Health recommends a 14 day " observation" period for bites involving livestock animals. Isolation shall be within an enclosure inaccessible to people and other animals. The quarantine period may be longer as determined by the Health Commissioner. No LIVESTOCK ANIMAL shall be released from quarantine until it has been deemed free of rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The Health Commissioner may order the sacrifice and testing of ANY animal involved in a potential rabies exposure as conditions warrant.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

This information must be obtained to perform a thorough bite investigation:

- A. Animal Owner Information
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address (including County and City)
- B. Victim Information
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address
 - 3. Phone Number
 - 4. Sex
 - 5. Birth date
 - 6. Medical Treatment Received? Where and by Whom?
- C. Circumstances concerning the bite.
 - 1. How did the bite occur? Was the victim hand feeding the animal?
 - 2. What is the current status of the animals' health and behavior?
- D. Animal Description
 - 1. Present location (Dead or Alive)
 - 2. Breed
 - 3. Color
- E. Where did bite occur? (What city, or what township?)

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department must be informed if LIVESTOCK ANIMAL bite occurred in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department must be informed if LIVESTOCK ANIMAL bite occurred in Canton City.

Massillon City Health Department must be informed if LIVESTOCK ANIMAL bite occurred in Massillon City.

Stark County Health Department must be informed if LIVESTOCK ANIMAL bite occurred anywhere else in Stark County.

Stark County Dog Warden will NOT be contacted for LIVESTOCK ANIMAL situations.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will NOT be contacted for LIVESTOCK ANIMAL situations.

If LIVESTOCK ANIMAL needs captured, contact suspected owner of animal or the Local Police Department / Law Enforcement Agency.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: Non-Biting Nuisance Animal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The health departments have little legal responsibility with nuisance animals that are not involved in a bite to a human. However, pet owners should always check with their veterinarian if they know that their pet has had contact with a wild animal. It is critical that dogs and cats be vaccinated and remain current in their vaccination against rabies to prevent the spread of rabies from the wild animal population to other animals and possibly humans.

Control of nuisance animals not involved in bites is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner may contract with a nuisance animal trapper for the removal of a nuisance animal from their property. A homeowner is permitted to trap and humanely euthanize a skunk or raccoon from their property. Questions regarding the removal of nuisance animals should be directed to the local police department, Stark County Animal Control, or the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

According to OAC 1501:31-15-03: Special allowances have been made for landowners, tenants, and nuisance trapping permit holders with regard to nuisance wild animals; and special requirements are listed with regard to animals such as white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, and Canada geese. These requirements can be found at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/1501%3A31-15-03> .

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about non-biting nuisance animals in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department does NOT have to be contacted about non-biting nuisance animals in Canton City. Call Canton City Nuisance Animal Control at 330-438-9287 for capture of the nuisance animal.

Massillon City Health Department does NOT have to be contacted about non-biting nuisance animals in Massillon City. Call the Massillon Animal Control Officer at 330-844-1020, or the Massillon City Police Department, 330-830-1735.

Stark County Health Department does NOT have to be contacted about non-biting nuisance animals in Stark County. Questions should be referred to the local City, Village, or Township offices.

Stark County Dog Warden should only be contacted if the non-biting nuisance animal is a DOG.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife MAY be contacted for information and assistance in non-biting nuisance animal situations.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: Rabies Suspect Animal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A rabies suspect animal is any animal that appears to be acting strangely, particularly in an urban setting. Most common questions will arise concerning suspicious raccoons and skunks. While there may be a variety of causes for strange behavior in these vector animals, one should always suspect the presence of rabies infection and act accordingly.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

All calls regarding rabies suspect animals should be handled quickly and in a professional manner. The caller should be referred to the appropriate health department for follow up. The caller should be reminded of the following facts:

1. Do not approach the animal or allow other people to attempt to handle the animal unless they are specifically trained to capture and handle wild animals.
2. Keep all pets away from rabies suspect animals. If the caller has a pet that has been bitten or is otherwise exposed to a rabies suspicious animal, refer to guidelines in the manual regarding pet exposure to potentially rabid animals.
3. Refer the caller to a licensed animal trapper for capture of the suspect animal. The caller should be reminded to keep the suspect animal in view, but not to approach the animal.
4. If the animal is captured, it should be humanely killed and submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for rabies testing. Contact the local health department to arrange for sample preparation and shipment to the Ohio Department of Health.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about rabies suspect animals in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department should be informed of rabies suspect animals in Canton City. Call Canton City Nuisance Animal Control at 330-438-9287 for capture of the rabies suspect animal.

Massillon City Health Department should be informed of rabies suspect animals in Massillon City. Call the Massillon Animal Control Officer at 330-844-1020 for assistance in the capture of the rabies suspect animal.

Call the Stark County Health Department about rabies suspect animals in Stark County.

Stark County Dog Warden should only be contacted if the rabies suspect animal is a DOG.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife MAY be contacted for information and assistance in rabies suspect animal situations.

ANIMAL INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

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ANIMAL TYPE: Pet Exposure to Potentially Rabid Animals

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The potential for pet exposure to potentially rabid animals is increasing. Urban development into rural areas places dogs and cats in close proximity to potentially rabid raccoons, skunks, fox, and bats. It is critical that all pets be properly vaccinated for rabies and that the vaccination be kept current. Efforts should be made to minimize pet contact to potentially rabid animals. Keep all pet food inside at night. Keep your pet inside at night. Observe your pet when outdoors so that a potential exposure can be avoided.

INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

The current recommendations of the "Compendium of Animal Rabies Control" as published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc. should be followed when evaluating all pet exposures to potentially rabid animals. The general guidelines are as follows:

1. If possible, the potentially rabid animal should be captured, humanely killed, and submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for rabies testing. If the potentially rabid animal is not captured is should be regarded as having exposed the pet to rabies.
2. If the pet was previously vaccinated for rabies, the exposed pet should be immediately re-vaccinated for rabies and closely observed for 45 days. Animals with expired vaccinations should be evaluated on a case by case basis.
3. Animals not previously vaccinated against rabies should be euthanized immediately. It is possible to place the animal in strict isolation for no less than 6 months and vaccinated 1 month before being released from isolation.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Alliance City Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about pet exposure to potentially rabid animals in Alliance City.

Canton City Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about pet exposure to potentially rabid animals in the City of Canton. Call Canton City Nuisance Animal Control at 330-438-9287 for capture of the rabies suspect animal.

Massillon City Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about pet exposure to potentially rabid animals in Massillon City. Call the Massillon Animal Control Officer at 330-844-1020 for assistance in the capture of the rabies suspect animal.

Stark County Health Department should be contacted if you have questions or need advice about pet exposure to potentially rabid animals in Stark County Health District.

Stark County Dog Warden should only be contacted if the pet is a dog that has been exposed to a potentially rabid animal.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife MAY be contacted for information and assistance in rabies suspect animal situations.

RESOURCES

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

There are many resources available on rabies. Three essential resources you should be familiar with are available on the Internet. These resources are:

1. Ohio Department of Health, Take the Bite out of Rabies –
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/ABB5D5E9AFAA4974863F5484F520940B/rabiesbro.pdf>
or for in Spanish –
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/7110AEB18E164983AFD6D1A70D78F2BA/rabiesbrosp.pdf> .
2. Centers for Disease Control, Rabies Information Pages – <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rabies/> .
3. Canton City Health Department, Rabies Information Page – <http://www.cantonhealth.org/eh/?pg=224> .

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Stark County Rabies Advisory Council

Animal Bite Report Form (or Similar Exposures)

Alliance City, Canton City, Massillon City, and Stark County Health Departments

ANIMAL INFORMATION

Species: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Bat <input type="checkbox"/> Skunk <input type="checkbox"/> Raccoon <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Check if Stray <input type="checkbox"/>	Description of Animal: Breed _____ Size _____ Color _____ Markings _____ Name _____	Animal Owner Name: <i>(If no known owner, please write "STRAY")</i> Animal Owner Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Unknown Animal Owner Phone Number: _____
Was dog bite provoked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Provoked means teased, tormented, or abused)			To your knowledge, has this dog bitten anyone before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did bite / exposure occur on the animal owner's property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Geographical Location / Address: <i>(Township / City / Area in which the Bite / Exposure occurred?)</i>			
If bite / exposure occurred in Alliance City , it would be reported to: Alliance City Health Dept. Fax # 330-821-9517 Phone # 330-821-7373	If bite / exposure occurred in Canton City , it would be reported to: Canton City Health Dept. Fax # 330-489-3335 Phone # 330-489-3327	If bite / exposure occurred in Massillon City , it would be reported to: Massillon City Health Dept. Fax # 330-830-1798 Phone # 330-830-1711	All other bites / exposures in Stark County would be reported to: Stark County Health Dept. Fax # 330-493-9920 Phone # 330-493-9904

VICTIM INFORMATION

Victim Name: <i>(Please Print Clearly)</i>	Date of Exposure / Bite:	
Victim Address w/ Zip:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age:
Parent / Guardian Name: <i>(If Victim is a Minor)</i>	Relationship: <i>(To Victim)</i>	
Parent / Guardian Address: <i>(If different from Victim)</i>	Phone # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian	

MEDICAL PERSONNEL USE ONLY

Reported By: <i>(Name of Clinic / Hospital)</i>		Contact Phone #
Medical Treatment: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Treatment Provided By: <i>(Physician's Name)</i>	Date of Treatment:
Type of Injury: <input type="checkbox"/> Bite <input type="checkbox"/> Other Exposure Was Skin Broken: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Puncture <input type="checkbox"/> Scratch <input type="checkbox"/> Abrasion <input type="checkbox"/> Laceration	Anatomical Location of Injury(ies): _____ Rabies Post Exposure Treatment Started: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Stark County Rabies Advisory Council

Animal Bite Report Form (or Similar Exposures)

Alliance City, Canton City, Massillon City, and Stark County Health Departments

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this form is to notify the local health department of a potential rabies exposure. This report is required by section 3701-3-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code. This section requires that a report of an animal bite be made to the Health Commissioner of the jurisdiction where the bite occurred within 24 hours of the bite in the same manner as the reporting of class A diseases. Completing and faxing this form fulfills that obligation. If you have any questions completing this form, please contact one of the health departments listed on the front of this form using the phone numbers provided.

ANIMAL INFORMATION

Species, Sex, Description: Enter the species, sex, and a brief description (color, size, etc.) of the subject animal in this section. Complete this section with as much information as available at the time of treatment. If the animal is unowned, check the box for 'Stray'.

Animal Owner Name, Address, and Phone Number: Complete this information with the animal owner's name, address, and phone number as reported by the victim. Accurate information is important to be able to identify the animal and place the animal under quarantine. Questionable information should be verified with the telephone book or other reference material.

Provoked / Unprovoked: Unprovoked means that a dog was not teased, tormented, or abused by a person, or that the dog was not coming to the aid or the defense of a person who was not engaged in illegal or criminal activity and who was not using the dog as a means of carrying out such activity.

Geographical Information: Enter the political jurisdiction in which the bite / exposure occurred in this area (i.e. city or township locality). This is critical for proper notification to the correct local health department with jurisdiction for action. In many cases, this may be the political jurisdiction where the animal owner lives. If you do not know the exact jurisdiction, please check with the telephone book or other reference material and enter your best estimate. The local health department will correct this information and forward the information to the correct health department as necessary.

VICTIM INFORMATION

Victim Name and Information: Enter the name and address of the victim in this area. Accurate information is critical for proper notification to the appropriate health department. Please verify questionable information with the telephone book or other reference information. If the victim is a minor, please indicate the information for the parent or guardian, including the relationship of the parent or guardian and associated address.

Date of Exposure / Bite: Enter the date of the animal bite or exposure as reported by the victim.

Victim Gender and Age: Enter the victim's sex and age in this area.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL USE ONLY

Reported By: Enter the name, organization, and telephone number of the individual making this report. This section is reserved for use by medical personnel.

Medical Treatment, Treatment Provided By, and Date of Treatment: Enter "Yes" if medical treatment was provided as a result of this animal bite. If treatment was provided, indicate the treating physician and the date treatment was provided.

Type of Injury: Indicate a brief description of the injury and the location of the injury(ies) on the victim's body.

Rabies Post Exposure Treatment: Please indicate whether rabies post exposure treatment has been started.

NOTIFICATION

The Ohio Administrative Code requires that notification of an animal bite be made to the Health Commissioner within 24 hours after exposure. Faxing this completed form to one of the health departments listed on the front of this form fulfills this obligation. Please review the notice for accuracy and completeness and then fax this completed form to the appropriate agency as soon as possible after providing any necessary treatment.

