

**RABIES MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS BITTEN BY OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS**  
(Dogs, Cats or Ferrets)

<b>Status of Attacker</b>	<b>If Victim is Currently Vaccinated</b>	<b>If Victim is Not Currently Vaccinated</b>
<p align="center">NOT CURRENTLY VACCINATED</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p align="center">UNKNOWN VACCINATION HISTORY</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p align="center">UNAVAILABLE FOR QUARANTINE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Veterinarian<sup>1</sup> boosters victim immediately<sup>2</sup></li> <li>2. Pet owner<sup>1</sup> notifies local or state animal control officers (ACOs)</li> <li>3. ACO<sup>1</sup> issues quarantine of attacker for 10 days to determine rabies risk</li> <li>4. If quarantined attacker develops rabies:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Veterinarian notifies local or state ACO and state veterinarian</li> <li>b. ACO issues strict confinement to pet owner of victim for 45 days</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. If attacker unavailable for quarantine:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Veterinarian should advise close observation of the victim by pet owner for 45 days</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Veterinarian<sup>1</sup> vaccinates victim immediately<sup>2</sup></li> <li>2. Pet owner<sup>1</sup> notifies local or state animal control officers (ACOs)</li> <li>3. ACO<sup>1</sup> issues quarantine of attacker for 10 days to determine rabies risk</li> <li>4. If quarantined attacker develops rabies:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Veterinarian euthanizes victim</li> <li>b. If pet owner unwilling:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Veterinarian notifies local or state ACO and state veterinarian</li> <li>- ACO orders quarantine of victim for 6 months</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>5. If attacker unavailable for quarantine:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Veterinarian should advise close observation of the victim by the pet owner for 6 months.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p align="center">CURRENTLY VACCINATED</p>	<p align="center">Follow 2 &amp; 3 above; 4 &amp; 5 if necessary</p>	<p align="center">Vaccinate victim immediately Follow 2 &amp; 3 above; 4 &amp; 5 if necessary</p>

1 For more information on the roles and responsibilities of pet owners, ACOs and veterinarians, see the [Rabies Information Brochure](#) and / or the [Connecticut Rabies Manual](#).

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

- ✓ 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><b>DEFINITIONS:</b></p> <p><b><u>Strict Confinement</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Animal may be kept at home in the house, garage or some other escape proof building or enclosure approved by the ACO.</li> <li>b) May be leash walked under immediate control of an adult within the confines of the premises only.</li> <li>c) Animal may not be allowed contact with other animals or humans other than the designated caretaker.</li> <li>d) Owner is informed of potential rabies and given copies of Rabies Advisory notice and strict confinement instructions.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>g) In the event the animal escapes or dies the owner must immediately notify the ACO.</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Close Observation</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Animal may be kept at home.</li> <li>b) Owner informed of potential rabies and given copy of Rabies Advisory notice.</li> <li>c) Owner required to immediately notify veterinarian or ACO of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Quarantine</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Animal to be confined off owner's premises in a state approved facility, i.e. dog pound, veterinary hospital or commercial kennel.</li> <li>b) Isolate animal from human and animal contact.</li> </ol>
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