

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION CONTROLLING THE QUARANTINE
AND IMMUNIZATION FOR RABIES OF BITING ANIMALS

(A) Biting Dog or Cat

- (1) Whenever it is reported to the health commissioner of a health district that any dog or cat has bitten a person, that dog or cat shall be quarantined under an order issued by the health commissioner of the health district in which the bite was inflicted. The dog or cat shall be quarantined by its owner or by a harborer, or shall be quarantined in a pound or kennel. In all cases, said quarantine shall be under supervision of the health commissioner and shall be at the expense of the owner or harborer. Quarantine shall continue until the health commissioner of the health district in which the bite was inflicted determines that the dog or cat is not afflicted with rabies. The quarantine period hereby required shall not be less than ten (10) days from the date on which the person was bitten. If at any time during the quarantine, the health commissioner requires the dog or cat to be examined for symptoms of rabies, then the examination shall be by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. The veterinarian shall report to the health commissioner the conclusions reached as a result of the examinations. The examination by a veterinarian shall be at the expense of the owner or harborer. No dog or cat shall be released from the required quarantine unless and until it has been properly vaccinated against rabies.
- (2) If any quarantined dog or cat dies before the quarantine period expires, then the head of the dog or cat shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.
- (3) If the owner or harborer of the dog or cat is unknown, the health commissioner may direct that the dog or cat be killed in which case the head of the dog or cat shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination

(B) Other Biting Animals

- (1) Whenever it is reported to the health commissioner of the health district that any other animal that is commonly known to transmit rabies has bitten a person, the health commissioner at his or her discretion may direct the immediate killing of said animal by a suitable humane method. The head of said animal shall then be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.

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