



Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
Division of Animal Health

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO RABIES AND QUARANTINE ORDER

This order is enforceable under Chapter 129; section 21, 330 CMR 10.00.

Your pet may have been exposed to rabies as a result of recent exposure to wildlife or a high-risk domestic animal.

Your animal is being quarantined due to (check appropriate exposure category):

- 1) ☐ Direct contact with a confirmed rabid animal (confirmed by the State Rabies Lab)
- 2) ☐ Direct contact with a suspect rabid animal (raccoon, skunk, woodchuck or any carnivorous animal)
- 3) ☒ A wound of unknown origin, suspected to be caused by another animal (e.g. cat abscesses)
- 4) ☐ A proximity exposure to a confirmed rabid animal (confirmed by the State Rabies Lab)

If your animal is unvaccinated, you are urged to have it euthanized (unless animal was only exposed by proximity).
If you do not, you are hereby ordered to (check appropriate measure):

- ☐ Vaccinate your pet immediately, isolate your pet for 3 months, followed by 1 month of strict confinement.
- ☒ Vaccinate your pet immediately, strictly confine your pet for 4 months.
(Any animal other than a dog or cat is strictly confined for 6 months).

If your animal had been previously vaccinated (more than 28 days prior), you are hereby ordered to:

- ☐ Vaccinate your pet immediately followed by 45 days strict confinement.

You are to inform your veterinarian immediately of any unusual behavior or change in the health status of this animal. Any animal which dies while under quarantine shall be submitted for rabies testing.

Animal was euthanized ☐ Date of exposure: 07/7/2022

Name of owner: Amy Green Phone number: (888) 777-2222

Address: 9 Dragon Rd Town: York, MA Zip: 00000

Type of animal: [Dog ☒] [Cat ☐] [Other ☐] (specify) _____ Age: 5 months

Name of animal: Facebook Breed: Poodle / Yorkie Colors: Brown, White

Date of last rabies vaccination: 07/1/22 Duration: [1yr ☒] [3yr ☐] [unknown ☐]

Date of booster vaccination (given to current vaccinates only): _____

Name of veterinarian: Dr. Bright Phone number: (999) 222-1111

Name of Animal Inspector: Ashley Castro Phone number: (333) 222-1212

Signature of Animal Inspector (required): [Signature] Date: 07/9/22

See back side of this form for explanation of terms and signs of rabies.

I hereby certify that I have read both sides of this document and I agree to follow the provisions described in it.

Signature of owner or other person responsible



Refused to sign, but order was issued
Animal Inspector please initial if not signed

White Copy - Owner / Pink Copy - Division of Animal Health immediately / Yellow Copy - Division of Animal Health after release
Dept. of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151

RELEASE FROM QUARANTINE

Date 11/8/22

Animal described on the reverse side of this form does not in my opinion show any signs of rabies.

[Signature]
Animal Inspector

After quarantine has been completed and released send to:
Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health,
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151.

RABIES PROTOCOL

MANAGEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS EXPOSED TO WILDLIFE

Definitions

1. Isolation
 - a) Restricting a domestic animal from any direct human or other animal contact.
 - b) Animal must be confined to a facility such as a dog pound, veterinary hospital, commercial kennel or quarantine facility for livestock approved by the Animal Inspector of the appropriate municipality; or isolation at home under conditions approved by the Animal Inspector of the municipality and the Department.
2. Strict Confinement
 - a) Animal may be kept at home in an escape-proof, solid walled building with a roof, approved by the Animal Inspector of the municipality.
 - b) Animal may be leash walked by an adult or under the direct supervision of an adult.
 - c) Owner informed of potential rabies risk and given instructions in writing.
 - d) Owner required to notify veterinarian and Animal Inspector of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet.
3. Exposed by Proximity - Seen near or in the vicinity of a confirmed rabid animal, but which had no physical contact with nor received any wounds from the confirmed rabid animal.
4. Quarantine - Confinement of a domestic animal from humans and other animals for the purpose of observing the animal for signs of rabies and minimizing chances of the animal spreading rabies to humans or other animals. This includes isolation and strict confinement.
5. Signs of Rabies - Unexplained aggression, impaired locomotion, varying degrees of paralysis, extreme depression or viciousness. The signs of rabies vary in animals. Some will display attack-like behavior while others appear sick or dazed.
6. For further information, contact the Animal Inspector in your city / town.