

Dare County Board of Health & Human Services

Rules Governing Rabies Post-Exposure Management of Dogs & Cats

Section One: Definitions

Rabies Post-Exposure Management – the way dogs and cats are handled following a potential exposure to rabies.

Section Two: Purpose

To adopt a rule for rabies post-exposure management of dogs and cats which implements and particularizes the authority given to the local health director under NCGS 130A-197 to effectively and efficiently protect the health of the public utilizing the most current science.

Section Three: Adoption of Rule

The Board of Health and Human Services declares that the following rule for the protection of public health is hereby adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 130A Section 39 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Effective September 20, 2016, the Dare County Board of Health and Human Services will adopt the recommendations and guidelines for rabies post-exposure management of dogs and cats specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the 2016 Edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (Part 1 – Rabies Prevention and Control B. Prevention and Control Methods in Domestic and Confined Animals 5. Post-Exposure Management). These provisions of the Compendium shall be the required control measures pursuant to NCGS 130A-197.

Section Four: Appeals

Appeals concerning interpretation and enforcement of this rule shall be made by petition to the Director and shall be made as follows:

1. The aggrieved person shall give written notice of appeal to the Director within 30 days of the challenged action. The notice shall contain the name and address of the aggrieved person, a description of the challenged action and a statement of the reasons why the challenged action is incorrect.
2. Upon filing of the notice, the Director shall, within five working days, transmit to Board the notice of appeal and the papers and materials upon which the challenged action was taken.
3. The Board shall hold a hearing within 15 days of the receipt of the notice of appeal. The Board shall give the person not less than 10 days' notice of the date, time and place of the hearing.

4. On appeal, the Board shall issue a written decision based on the evidence presented at the hearing. The decision shall contain a concise statement of the reasons for the decision.

5. A person who wishes to contest a decision of the Board under Item 3 of this procedure shall have a right to appeal to the district court having jurisdiction within 30 days after the date of the decision by the Board.

Section Five: Remedies

If a person violates any part of this rule, then he (she) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the sanctions provided in Chapter 130A Section 25 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Section Six: Severability

If any provision of this rule or the application thereof to any person or any circumstance is declared invalid, then the remainder of the rule or the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not thereby be affected.

Section Seven: Effective Date

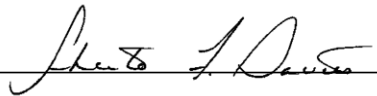
This rule shall become effective on the 20th day of September, 2016.

Adopted this the 20th day of September 2016.

Signed : 

Tim Shearin, Chair

Dare County Board of Health & Human Services

Signed : 

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