

1721.0570 RABIES POSTEXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR ANIMALS.**Subpart 1. Management of animals exposed to a rabid animal.**

A. An animal that is determined by the board to have been exposed to rabies must be managed as described in items B to D.

B. An animal that is currently vaccinated for rabies must be kept under confinement and observed for signs of rabies for 45 days and, unless exempted by the board, revaccinated for rabies within three days of the exposure.

C. An animal for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine, but which has never been vaccinated for rabies, must be euthanized or quarantined for 180 days.

D. All other animals must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The board may require the exposed animal to be euthanized, quarantined, or confined for up to 180 days. The board may also require the animal to be vaccinated for rabies.

Subp. 2. **Quarantine procedures.** Animals must be quarantined in a manner approved by the board so as to minimize contact with persons or other animals. Dogs, cats, and ferrets, unless exempted by the board, must be vaccinated or revaccinated for rabies at the beginning of the quarantine period.

Subp. 3. **Release of quarantine on rabies-exposed animals.** All animals that are quarantined for rabies must be inspected by a veterinarian at the end of the quarantine period. Quarantine established on an animal under this part must not be released until a written report is received by the board from a licensed veterinarian stating the veterinarian inspected the animal at the end of the quarantine period and observed no signs of rabies. No dog, cat, or ferret may be released from quarantine unless it is currently vaccinated for rabies.

Subp. 4. **Reporting.** Any illness in an animal that is under confinement or quarantine established under this part must be reported immediately to the board.

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