

CHAPTER 6. RABIES CONTROL

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6-6-1. Bites: duty to report.

(1) Any person having knowledge of any individual or animal having been bitten by an animal of a species subject to rabies shall report the incident immediately to the Department.

(2) The owner of an animal that bites a person, and any person bitten by an animal, shall report the bite to the Department or the Tooele County Health Department within 24 hours of the bite, whether or not the biting animal is of a species subject to rabies.

(3) A physician or other medical person who renders professional treatment to a person bitten by an animal shall report the bite and the treatment to the Department within 24 hours of treatment. He or she shall report the name, gender, and address of the person bitten as well as the type and location of the bite. If known, he or she shall report the name and address of the owner of the animal that inflicted the bite, the name, species, and breed of the animal that inflicted the bite, and any other facts that may assist the Division in ascertaining the immunization status of the animal.

(4) Any person treating an animal bitten or wounded by another animal shall report the incident to the Department. The report shall contain the name and address of the owner of the bitten or wounded, the name and address of the owner and description of the animal which caused the injury, and the location of the incident.

(5) Any person not conforming with the requirements of this Section shall be in violation of this Section and subject to a civil penalty of \$100.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

6-6-2. Rabies vaccinations.

(1) Rabies vaccination shall be a prerequisite to licensing.

(2) Rabies vaccinations shall be considered valid only when performed by a licensed veterinarian or accredited animal rescue organization.

(3) The owner or person having the charge, care, custody, or control of a cat or dog shall have the animal vaccinated for rabies within 30 days after it reaches 4 months of age. Unvaccinated dogs or cats over 4 months of age acquired or moved into the city must be vaccinated

for rabies within 30 days after coming into the city. Thereafter, every dog shall be revaccinated every 36 months and every cat shall be revaccinated every 12 months. Any person not conforming with the requirements of this subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. This Subsection shall not apply to veterinarians or kennel operators temporarily keeping on their premises animals owned by others.

(4) The most current publication of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control, published annually by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc., shall be the reference document for animal vaccine use.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003) (Ord. 1990-11, 06-14-1990)

6-6-3. Rabies tag requirements.

It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, when vaccinating any animal for rabies, to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination, which shall include the following information:

- (1) animal owner's name and address;
- (2) description of animal (breed, sex, markings, age, name);
- (3) date of vaccination;
- (4) rabies vaccination tag number;
- (5) type of rabies vaccine administered; and,
- (6) manufacturer's vaccine serial number.

A copy of the certificate shall be distributed to the owner, and the original shall be retained by the issuing veterinarian. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies of the certificate for the interval between vaccinations specified in section 6-6-2 such that the most recent certificate is always on file. Additionally, a metal or durable plastic rabies vaccination tag, serially numbered, shall be securely attached to the collar or harness of the animal.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

6-6-4. Transient animal - exception.

The provisions of this Chapter with respect to vaccination shall not apply to any animal owned by a person temporarily remaining within Tooele City for less than 30 days. Such animals shall be kept under strict supervision of the owner.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

6-6-5. Impoundment of animal without rabies vaccination tag.

(1) Any animal not wearing the tag required by Section 6-6-3 shall be deemed to be unvaccinated, and may be impounded.

(2) Any vaccinated animal impounded because of a lack of a rabies vaccination tag may be reclaimed by its owner within 10 days of impoundment upon furnishing

proof of rabies vaccination and payment of all impoundment fees prior to release.

(3) Any unvaccinated animal may be reclaimed by its owner within 10 days of impoundment upon payment of all impoundment fees and by obtaining a rabies vaccination, and providing a copy of the vaccination certificate to the Division, within 72 hours of release.

(4) Any animal not reclaimed as provided in this Section may be disposed of pursuant to provisions of Section 6-7-3.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28,12-17-2003)
(Ord. 1981-14, 05-21-1981)

6-6-6. Reporting of rabid animals.

Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of an animal known to have been exposed to rabies, or suspected of having rabies, or of an animal or person bitten by such an animal, shall notify the Department or the Tooele County Health Department.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-21-1981)

6-6-7. Quarantining and disposition of biting or rabid animals.

(1) Any animal that has rabies or shows signs of having rabies, and every animal bitten by another animal affected with rabies or that has been exposed to rabies, shall be reported by the owner as set forth above and shall immediately be confined in a secure place by the owner. The owner shall turn over the animal to the Division upon request.

(2) The owner of any animal of a species subject to rabies which has bitten another animal or a person shall surrender the animal to an officer upon request. Any officer may enter upon private property to seize the animal; if the owner refuses to surrender the animal, the officer may immediately obtain a search warrant authorizing seizure and impoundment of the animal.

(3) Any animal of a species subject to rabies that bites a person or animal or is suspected of having rabies shall be seized and quarantined for observation for a period of not less than 10 days by the Division. The owner of the animal shall bear the costs and fees for impoundment and quarantine. The shelter shall be the normal place for quarantine, but other arrangements may be made by the shelter supervisor if the animal's rabies vaccination is current or if there are other special circumstances justifying the exception, in the discretion of the shelter supervisor. A person who has custody of an animal under quarantine shall immediately notify the Division if the animal shows any signs of sickness or abnormal behavior, or if the animal escapes confinement. It is a class C misdemeanor for any person who has custody of a quarantined animal to fail or refuse to allow a Tooele County Health Department officer or Division officer to make an inspection or examination during the period of quarantine. If the animal dies within 10 days from the date of any bite, the person having custody shall

immediately notify the Department. If, at the end of the 10 day period, the shelter supervisor examines the animal and finds no sign of rabies, the animal may be released to the owner provided that no complaint under Section 6-5b-6 has been filed. In the case of a stray animal, the animal shall be disposed of as provided in Section 6-7-3.

(4) Unvaccinated bitten animals.

The owner of an unvaccinated animal should immediately destroy the animal if it has been bitten by a rabid animal. If the owner is unwilling to destroy the bitten or exposed animal, the animal shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for 6 months under veterinary supervision, the cost of such confinement to be paid in advance by the owner. The animal shall be destroyed if the owner fails to isolate and quarantine the animal under veterinary care for the requisite period.

(5) Vaccinated bitten animals.

(a) In the event that a bitten or exposed animal has been vaccinated, the animal shall be revaccinated within 24 hours and quarantined for a period of 30 days following revaccination; or,

(b) If the animal is not revaccinated within 24 hours, the animal shall be isolated and quarantined under veterinary supervision for 6 months.

(c) The animal shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply with items (a) or (b) of this Subsection (5).

(6) Any person who removes any such animal from the place of quarantine without written permission of the shelter supervisor is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(7) Repealed.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003)
(Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)