

WHEN A PET IS EXPOSED TO A WILD ANIMAL SUSPECTED OF RABIES

SC DPH Rabies Prevention Program can be reached 24/7 at 888-847-0902 (Option 2)

What is the vaccination status of the pet (dog, cat, or ferret)?

Vaccinated Pet

Exposed pet has documentation of current or previous rabies vaccination

Unvaccinated Pet

Exposed pet has never been vaccinated

Hybrid "Pet"

Any offspring of wild animals crossbred with domestic "pets"

YES

Is the wild animal available for testing?

NO

Submit suspected rabid animal to the Public Health Lab (PHL)

Negative Results:

- No quarantine needed
- Vaccinate pet only if previous vaccination is considered out of date

Positive or Unable to Test: **missing brain, decomposed, etc*

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- Quarantine 45-days
(See Guidelines for Pet Quarantine below)

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- *Safest Option:*
Euthanize pet immediately
- If the owner of the pet is unwilling to euthanize:
 - Vaccinate pet within 96-hours of exposure; **and**
 - Quarantine 180-days
(See Guidelines for Pet Quarantine below)

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Contact SC DPH Rabies Prevention Program Immediately at 888-847-0902

Guidelines for Pet Quarantine

- Confinements shall take place at the animal owner's/custodian's premises, local animal shelter, veterinarian's hospital/kennel, or boarding facility.
- The animal owner/custodian is responsible for all boarding costs. Owner/Custodian is required to notify DPH if the pet will be moved during the quarantine.
- Confinement needs to prevent contact with other animals and people. Confinement inside a home should be in separate room of the home if other pets are present. Confinement outdoors should prevent nose to nose contact with other animals via a fence within a fence or a tarp, plastic sheeting, or plexiglass covering fencing or separating stalls.
- A chain should not be used for confinement unless all other options have been exhausted.
- Any illness observed during the quarantine should be reported immediately to a rabies program investigator with SC DPH

WHEN LIVESTOCK IS EXPOSED TO A WILD ANIMAL SUSPECTED OF RABIES

SC DPH Rabies Prevention Program can be reached 24/7 at 888-847-0902 (Option 2)

What is the vaccination status of the livestock animal?

Vaccinated Livestock

Livestock that are current on rabies vaccination with a USDA-licensed vaccine approved for that species

Livestock with an **Overdue** Vaccine

Evaluate on a case-by-case basis

Unvaccinated Livestock

Exposed livestock has never been vaccinated

Is the wild animal available for testing?

YES

NO

Submit suspected rabid animal to the Public Health Lab (PHL)

Negative Results

- No quarantine needed

Positive or Unable to Test*
*missing brain, decomposed, etc

- Re-Vaccinate within 96-hours of exposure; **and**
- Quarantine 45-days
(See Guidelines for Livestock Quarantine below)

- Re-Vaccinate livestock within 96-hours of exposure; **and**
- Quarantine 45-days
(See Guidelines for Livestock Quarantine below)

Is the wild animal available for testing?

YES

NO

Submit suspected rabid animal to the Public Health Lab (PHL)

Negative Results:

- No quarantine needed
- Vaccinate Livestock
If USDA licensed vaccine is approved for that species

Positive or Unable to Test:*
*missing brain, decomposed, etc

If after consultation the livestock animal qualifies for a quarantine:

- Re-Vaccinate within 96-hours of exposure; **and**
- Quarantine 180-days
(See Guidelines for Livestock Quarantine below)

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- Re-Vaccinate within 96-hours of exposure; **and**
- Quarantine 180-days
(See Guidelines for Livestock Quarantine below)

Is the wild animal available for testing?

YES

NO

Submit suspected rabid animal to the Public Health Lab (PHL)

Negative Results

- No quarantine needed
- Vaccinate Livestock
If USDA-licensed vaccine is approved for that species

Positive or Unable to Test*
*missing brain, decomposed, etc

- Euthanize immediately

Euthanize immediately

If the owner of the livestock animal is unwilling to euthanize:

Contact the SC DPH Rabies Prevention Program for guidance

Evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Guidelines for Livestock Quarantine

- Confinements shall take place at the animal owner's/custodian's premises, local animal shelter, veterinarian's hospital/kennel, or boarding facility. Owner is required to notify DPH if the livestock animal will be moved during the quarantine.
- The animal owner/custodian is responsible for all boarding costs.
- Confinement needs to prevent contact with other animals and people. Nose to nose contact must also be prevented via a fence within a fence or a tarp, plastic sheeting, or plexiglass covering fencing or separating stalls.
- Any illness observed during the quarantine should be reported immediately to a rabies program investigator with SC DPH.