



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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Animal Bite / Rabies Investigation Report Form

Instructions and requirements for reporting animal bites / rabies exposures on back side / page 2

DATE OF REPORT: _____ REPORTED BY: _____

TYPE OF ANIMAL (check one): [] dog [] cat [] bat other: _____ BREED: _____

NAME: _____

DATE OF BITE: _____ TIME: _____ RABIES TAG #: _____

VETERINARIAN: _____ PHONE #: _____

RABIES SHOT DATE: _____ 1 YR/ 3 YR _____ DUE: _____

ANIMALS BEHAVIOR AT TIME OF BITE? _____

PLACE INCIDENT OCCURRED: _____

ANIMAL OWNERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ WORK PHONE #: _____

NAME OF PERSON BITTEN: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ WORK PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

LOCATION & EXTENT OF WOUND: _____

TREATED BY: _____ DATE TREATMENT RECEIVED: _____

RABIES POST-EXPOSURE PROPYLAXIS ADMINISTERED (Check one) [] YES OR [] NO

*Do you need the rabies investigation findings reported back to you following completion of the investigation by RCHD? (check one): [] YES OR [] NO

Email, fax number, or mailing address to report findings of investigation to: _____

Who is required to report animal bites to the health district?

- Ohio regulations require all health care providers, medical doctors, veterinarians, and individuals knowledgeable of an animal bite must to report the bite incident to the health district **within 24 hours** of the bite.
- Please include how and where the bite occurred, description of the animal, if the animal is a pet, include owners address and contact, and where the animal was last seen.

How do I report an animal bite / possible rabies exposure to the health department?

Animal bites can be reported in multiple ways to the health district:

Call the health district's Environmental Health Division at **740-775-1158 during regular business hours or 740-779-9652 for after hours (emergency calls only)**

Fax the form to **740-779-9615**

Emailing the form to rabies@rosscountyhealth.com

Where can I find the Rabies / Animal Bite Reporting Form?

The form can be downloaded from our website rosscountyhealth.org

How does the Ross County Health District investigate animal bites and possible human rabies exposures?

The Ross County Health District investigates all animal bites reported in Ross County to determine if the person bitten was exposed to rabies and needs to get post exposure rabies shots. This is done in 2 ways:

- 1) For pets like dogs and cats, the health district will quarantine the animal at the owner's home for 10 days to observe the animal for signs of rabies. Many times, stray animals are quarantined at the Ross County Animal Shelter if captured.
- 2) If the animal is a wild animal, or an animal that needs to be euthanized because of poor health, the health district will work with county officials and veterinarians to help get the animal captured, euthanized and tested for rabies.

If signs or symptoms of rabies is seen in the animal at any point in time during the investigation / 10 day quarantine period, the health district will order the animal to be euthanized to be tested for rabies by the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory.

Upon completion of the 10 day quarantine, if the animal remains healthy and does not show signs of rabies, then the person bitten was not exposed to rabies. If the animal needs tested for rabies, the health district will report the results to the person bitten in about 2-3 days once the lab tests the animal. Although rare, in the event that rabies is detected in the animal, the person bitten will then need to receive post exposure rabies shots. The health district reports investigation findings to the person bitten and animal owner upon completion of the 10 day investigation period.