

A REGULATION #121 TO ESTABLISH COMPULSORY RABIES VACCINATION OF DOGS WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Health of the Wayne County Combined General Health District, State of Ohio, as follows:

Section 1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 “Bitten” shall mean has been seized with the teeth or jaws so that the skin of the person or animal seized has been wounded or pierced, including scratches and abrasions.**
- 1.2 “Contact” shall mean any susceptible animal that directly or indirectly has been bitten by or exposed to a rabid animal.**
- 1.3 “Dog” the term “dog” shall apply to any domestic animal (Canis Familiaris), or male or female, sexed or neutered.**
- 1.4 Exposed” shall mean contact of saliva with any mucous membrane or with a break or abrasion of the skin.**
- 1.5 “Health Commissioner” shall mean the Health Commissioner of Wayne County Combined General Health District or his authorized representative.**
- 1.6 “Isolation” shall mean the placing or keeping of a contact separate and apart from all other susceptible animals or persons so that transmission of rabies is impossible.**
- 1.7 “Own”- the term “own” unless otherwise specified, shall be deemed to mean keep, harbor, or have control, charge or custody of a dog. This term shall not apply to dogs owned by others which are temporarily maintained on the premises of a veterinarian or kennel operator for a period of less than 60 days.**
- 1.8 “Owner” the term “owner” as used in this regulation shall mean any person keeping, harboring, or having charge or control of, or permitting any dog to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed within such person’s house, yard, or premises. This term shall not apply to veterinarians or kennel operators temporarily maintaining on their premises dogs owned by others for a period of less than 60 days.**
- 1.9 “Person” shall mean an individual, business trust, estate trust, partnership, corporation, association, organization, two or more individuals having a joint or common interest, or any legal commercial entity.**
- 1.10 “Rabid Animal” shall mean any animal which has been confirmed as having rabies by a laboratory acceptable to the health commissioner.**
- 1. 11 “Susceptible Animal” shall mean any animal to which rabies can be transmitted.**
- 1. 12 “Suspected Rabid Animal” shall mean a susceptible animal showing observable clinical signs compatible with rabies.**
- 1. 13 “Vaccination Against Rabies” shall mean the inoculation of a dog with a rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the United States Department of Agriculture and**

recommended in the current compendium of animal rabies vaccines prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc. Such vaccination must be performed by a veterinarian or registered animal technician under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in a manner consistent with the label of said vaccine.

- 1.14 “Veterinarian¹ shall mean a veterinarian duly licensed under the laws of any state and engaged in practice in that state.

Section 2 **RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED**

- 2.1 After January 1, 1989, in the Wayne County Combined General Health District, every dog six months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Every unvaccinated dog six months of age or older which is newly acquired or newly residing in the Wayne County Combined General Health District shall be vaccinated against rabies within thirty days after purchase or arrival.
- 2.2 The interval between revaccination shall be based on the type of vaccine being used, the nature of the rabies in the community, and the recommendations of the current compendium of animal rabies vaccines prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.
- 2.3 All vaccines shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or registered animal technician under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and the costs thereof borne by the owner of the dog.
- 2.4 Any dog determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian to have a condition which is contraindicated for rabies vaccination shall be exempt from these requirements. Such certification must be in writing and presented to the Wayne County Health Department.

Section 3 **DUTIES OF VETERINARIANS**

- 3.1 Each veterinarian, when vaccinating any dog shall complete a certificate of rabies vaccination for each animal vaccinated. The certificate shall be approved by the Advisory Board and include the following information:
- a. Owner’s name and address
 - b. Description of dog (Weight, Color, Sex, Age, Name)
 - c. Date of vaccination and duration of vaccine
 - d. Rabies vaccination tag number
 - e. Name/type of rabies vaccine administered and its exp. date
 - f. Manufacturer’s serial number of vaccine
 - g. Veterinarian’s name and address
 - h. Method of administration (Intramuscular, Subcutaneous)
- 3.2 Distribution of copies of the certificate shall be as follows: one copy shall be forwarded to the Wayne Co. Health Dept., one copy shall be given to the

owner, and one copy shall be retained •by the issuing veterinarian. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies for the interval between vaccinations specified in Section 2. A durable metal or plastic tag, serially numbered, shall be supplied to the owner to see that the tag is securely attached to the collar or harness of the dog. Whenever the dog is out of doors, whether on or off the owner's premises, the collar or harness with the vaccination tag must be worn.

Section 4 TRANSIENT DOGS

- 4.1 The provisions of this resolution with respect to vaccination against rabies shall apply to: any dog remaining within the Wayne County General Health District for more than thirty days; any dog brought into the Wayne County General Health District for field trial show purposes; hunting dogs in the General Health District. All dogs which are not vaccinated against rabies shall be kept under strict supervision of the owner.**

Section 5 ADVISORY BOARD

- 5.1 There shall hereby be established a Wayne County Rabies Advisory Board which shall be composed of the Wayne County Health Commissioner or a representative of the Wayne County Health Department, the Wayne County Dog Warden, a representative from the Kilibuck Valley Veterinary Association, a representative from the Wayne County Medical Society, a representative from the Wayne County Humane Society and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Game Protector.**
- 5.2 The Wayne County Rabies Authority Board shall meet at least one time per year to review the status of rabies within Wayne County and the State of Ohio and to make recommendations to the County Board of Health as to rabies control programs in the county.**

Section 6 HANDLING OF DOGS, OR OTHER SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS BITTEN BY OR EXPOSED TO RABID OR SUSPECTED RABID ANIMAL

6.1 UNVACCINATED ANIMALS

If bitten or exposed dog is not vaccinated against rabies, the dog shall be handled as follows:

- 6.11 The dog shall be placed in strict isolation for a minimum of six months and shall be vaccinated against rabies one month prior to release from the strict isolation, or**
- 6.12 The dog shall be immediately destroyed by a humane method and made available for rabies testing.**

6.13 Other susceptible animals shall be handled on an individual basis as defined by the State public health or regulatory officials.

6.2 VACCINATED ANIMALS

If the bitten or exposed dog is vaccinated, the dog shall be handled as follows:

6.21 The dog shall be immediately revaccinated and confined in strict isolation for a minimum period of 90 days following revaccination, or

6.22 If the dog is not immediately revaccinated, the animal shall be confined in strict isolation for 6 months, or

6.23 The dog shall be destroyed and tested for rabies if the owner does not comply with items 6.21 or 6.22 of Subsection 6.2.

6.3 COMPENDIUM OF ANIMAL RABIES CONTROL

Any susceptible animal which is bitten by or exposed to a rabid or suspected rabid animal, or which bites a human, shall be managed as described in the most recent edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.

Section 7 PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

7.1 Any person who violates any provision of this regulation shall be in violation of Section 3709.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

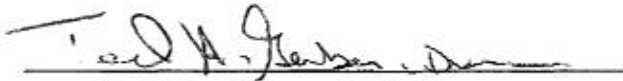
Section 8 EFFECT OR PARTIAL INVALIDITY

8.1 Should any part of this regulation be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason any remainder of this regulation shall not be affected thereby.

Section 9 REPEAL AND DATE OF EFFECT

9.1 All regulations and parts of regulations in conflict with this regulation are hereby repealed and this regulation shall be in full force on January 1, 1989~ as provided by law.

Adopted by the Board of Health of the Wayne County Combined General Health District this 13th day of July, 1988.

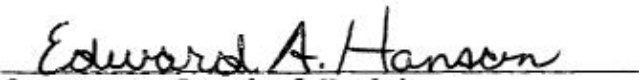


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President of the Board



Edward A. Hanson, R.S., M.P.H.
Health Commissioner
Secretary of the Board

I, Edward A. Hanson, secretary of the Board of Health of the Wayne County combined General Health District, hereby certify that the above regulation was published in the Wooster Daily Record on August 25, 1988, and on September 1, 1988.



Secretary, Board of Health