

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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ANIMAL QUARANTINE ORDER

Our office has received a report that your pet “ ” bit you, a family member, or a member of your household on .

Ohio law* requires us to follow up on this report because dogs, cats, and other animals can carry rabies and pass it on to people and animals through a bite or scratch. Rabies is a very serious disease. There is no treatment once symptoms begin and the disease can kill you.

Ohio law* says that:

- **You must quarantine your pet for 10 days, starting the day of the incident, and**
- **You must show proof that your pet has a current rabies vaccination from a veterinarian.**

To quarantine your pet, you must do these things:

- Keep your pet at home or at an approved kennel.
- Keep your pet away from people and other animals.
- Watch your pet to be sure it stays healthy. If your pet starts to show signs of illness or strange behavior, please call your vet and our office immediately.
- If you decide to have your pet put down or if your pet dies, then it must be tested for rabies. Contact your vet and our office to determine the procedures for testing.

At the end of the 10 days:

- Our office will contact you to make sure that your pet has successfully completed the quarantine. An animal that successfully completes the quarantine is one that is still alive and showing no signs of illness or strange behavior.
- If your pet has a current rabies vaccination: Fill out the *Pet Owner Section* of the enclosed *Rabies Vaccination & Quarantine Release* form and send it to us by mail, fax at 216-676-1316, or email at sshort@ccbh.net. Please be sure to check the box for “Yes, my animal successfully completed the quarantine.”
- If your pet does not have a rabies vaccination: You are required to take your pet to a veterinarian on or shortly after day 10 to receive a rabies vaccination and to have the release form completed. Your pet must stay in quarantine until our office receives the completed release form from the veterinarian.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact us at 216-201-2001 ext. 1253 with questions.

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