
Sec. 6-109. Quarantine method and testing.

- (a) Animals quarantined at a veterinary clinic shall be observed by a licensed veterinarian at least on the first and last days of the quarantine period. If the veterinarian determines that the animal has clinical signs of the disease of rabies, the animal shall be humanely killed and the head or brain submitted for testing. If the veterinarian determines that the animal does not exhibit the clinical signs of the disease of rabies, the rabies control officer shall provide a form to the veterinarian for ~~their~~ ~~his~~ signature certifying that the animal has been found to be free of the clinical signs of rabies at the end of the quarantine period. This form shall be returned to the rabies control officer at the end of the quarantine period.
- (b) The owner of the animal to be quarantined may request permission from the rabies control officer for home quarantine if the following criteria can be met:
 - (1) Secure facilities must be available at the home of the animal's owner and must be approved by the rabies control officer.
 - (2) The animal is currently vaccinated against rabies and possesses a current city license tag (if the licensing requirement of this chapter is applicable).
 - (3) The animal was not in violation of any laws or ordinances at the time of the incident.
 - (4) The bite or scratch incident was a provoked attack.
 - (5) ~~The rabies control officer~~ ~~The victim or victim's parent or legal guardian~~ must approve the granting of a home quarantine if all other requirements have been met. The approval must be in writing on a form provided by the rabies control officer.
 - (6) A licensed veterinarian must observe the animal at least on the first and last days of the quarantine period. For the first observation, the animal will be transported by the animal control officer to the local veterinarian chosen by the owner, and then returned to the location of the home quarantine by the animal control officer after the observation. If the animal becomes ill during the home quarantine period, the veterinarian and the rabies control officer must be notified by the person having possession of the animal. At the end of the observation period the owner shall transport the animal by direct route to the veterinarian for the final observation. Both observations by the veterinarian may be made at the location of the home quarantine if requested by the owner or required by the rabies control officer. The release from quarantine must be accomplished in writing.
 - (7) The owner shall be responsible for paying all rabies observation fees to the veterinarian. The fees shall be set by contract between the CCVMA and the city.
 - (8) It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions and conditions of the home quarantine as required by the rabies control officer. If the owner of the animal fails to abide by all provisions and conditions required by the rabies control officer when the home quarantine was granted and the animal is found in violation of such conditions, the animal shall be immediately impounded and quarantined for the remainder of the observation period at an approved veterinary facility at the owner's expense.
- (c) No dog or cat shall be released from quarantine unless:
 - (1) The owner has an unexpired rabies vaccination certificate and license for the animal (if the licensing requirement is applicable); or
 - (2) The animal is vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense and a license, if required, is obtained at the owner's expense from the veterinarian.

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- (d) No wild animal will be placed in quarantine. All wild animals involved in biting incidents will be humanely killed in such a manner that the brain is not mutilated. The brain shall be submitted to a state department of health certified laboratory for rabies diagnosis.

(Code 1961, § 3-24)

State law reference(s)—Release or disposition of quarantined animal, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.043.