

**Franklin County Public Health
Regulation 104
Rabies Control**

Section 104.01

Vaccination of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

104.01(A) Vaccination required. All Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets shall be vaccinated against rabies by a Licensed Veterinarian or Registered Veterinary Technician. Such vaccinations shall be in accordance with the current National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control* as existing and herein after amended, or any other method approved by the Health Commissioner, provided that Dogs, Cats or Ferrets need not be vaccinated before reaching the age of three (3) months.

104.01(A)(1) Show, exhibition or breeding purposes. Dogs, Cats or Ferrets entering the Health District for temporary show, exhibition or breeding purposes are excepted from section 104.01(A), so long as the Dog, Cat or Ferret is under the Owner's, keeper's or handler's control.

104.01(A)(2) Field trials. Dogs entering the Health District for field trials shall not be allowed out of the Owner's, keeper's or handler's control unless vaccinated against rabies.

104.01(A)(3) Contraindications. If rabies vaccination of a Dog, Cat or Ferret is contraindicated for medical reasons, these reasons shall be documented in writing by a Licensed Veterinarian and a copy of which shall be provided to the Owner, keeper, or Harborer of the Dog, Cat or Ferret. This documentation shall also be provided by the Owner, keeper, Harborer or Licensed Veterinarian upon request of the Health Commissioner.

104.01(B) Vaccination records. All Licensed Veterinarians who vaccinate a Dog, Cat or Ferret against rabies, whose Owner, keeper or Harborer resides in the Health District, shall keep a record of such vaccination and shall provide to the Owner, keeper or Harborer a certificate of vaccination.

104.01(B)(1) Certificate of vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall be made on the NASPHV Form 51 (Rabies Vaccination Certificate) as existing and herein after amended, or equivalent form as approved by the Health Commissioner, which shall include the rabies tag identification number prescribed in section 104.02 of this regulation. The Licensed Veterinarian shall also provide the information required on the rabies vaccination certificate described in this Section to the Health Commissioner upon request.

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Section 104.02
Rabies Tag

104.02 (A) Rabies tag. All Licensed Veterinarians who vaccinate a Dog, Cat or Ferret against rabies, whose Owner, keeper or Harboring resides in the Health District, shall provide a rabies tag approved by the Health Commissioner, which shall have thereon permanently affixed the year the vaccination expires and an identification number.

104.02(A)(1) Rabies tag identification number. The rabies tag identification number shall be recorded on the rabies vaccination certificate prescribed in section 104.01(B)(1) of this regulation.

104.02(A)(2) Rabies tag displayed. Such rabies tag shall be displayed on the Dog or Cat. Ferrets, however, are not required to wear or display a rabies tag. Animals that do not have rabies tags displayed shall have a method or means approved by the Health Commissioner that includes the rabies tag identification number on the rabies vaccination certificate.

104.02(A)(3) Health Commissioner shall provide tags. The rabies tags, described in Section 104.02(A), shall be provided to the Licensed Veterinarians or veterinary practice by the Health Commissioner. The Licensed Veterinarians or veterinary practice shall purchase such tags at a cost determined by the Board of Health.

104.02(A)(3)(a) Credit. Any tags purchased by a Licensed Veterinarian or veterinary practice, and not issued, may be returned to the Health Commissioner for credit toward future tag purchases. To be eligible for credit, the Licensed Veterinarian or veterinary practice shall return all non-issued rabies tags to the Health Commissioner for credit no later than December thirty-first (31st) of the following year. Only non-issued rabies tags from the current year and previous year shall be eligible for credit.

104.02(A)(3)(b) Reimbursement. A reimbursement of costs for returned rabies tags will be given in the event that a Licensed Veterinarian or veterinary practice ceases to operate, or upon approval from the Health Commissioner. Only non-issued rabies tags from the current year and previous year shall be eligible for reimbursement.

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Section 104.03
Hybrid Mammals

104.03(A) Gray wolf hybrids and serval hybrids (savannah Cats). No Person shall own, keep or harbor gray wolf hybrids or serval hybrids (savannah Cats) within the Health District.

104.03(A)(1) Exception. Gray wolf hybrids and serval hybrids are permitted only if the Owner, keeper or Harboring can provide the following:

104.03(A)(1)(a) Rabies vaccination. The hybrid animal shall be vaccinated against rabies by a Licensed Veterinarian.

104.03(A)(1)(b) Certificate of rabies vaccination. The Licensed Veterinarian that vaccinated the hybrid animal shall keep such record of vaccination and provide a certificate of rabies vaccination to the hybrid animal Owner, keeper or Harboring according to section 104.01(B) of this regulation.

104.03(A)(1)(c) Rabies serology. A Licensed Veterinarian shall take blood samples from the hybrid animal and submit them to a laboratory that is capable of testing and calculating the rabies antibody titers. The results of the titer shall be evaluated by the Licensed Veterinarian to determine if the hybrid animal is adequately protected from the rabies virus.

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