

## Very Basic Flow Chart of Rabies Situation

### ***Domestic animal with current rabies vaccination exposed to known rabid animal***

- 90 day Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) quarantine to owner's property (may be given rabies booster/s)

**OR**

- Euthanasia

### ***Domestic animal with expired rabies vaccination exposed to known rabid animal***

- 180 day PDA quarantine to owner's property (may be given rabies booster/s)

**OR**

- Euthanasia

### ***Domestic animal with no known history of rabies vaccination exposed to known rabid animal***

- Euthanasia recommended

**OR**

- 180 day PDA quarantine to owner's property (may be given rabies booster/s)

### ***Domestic animal of any vaccination status believed by the veterinarian to have been exposed to rabies e.g. dog with bite wounds, seen in fight with raccoon during the day, but raccoon not caught for testing***

- Veterinary practitioner encouraged to request PDA 90/180 day quarantine to owner's property (may be given rabies booster/s)

**OR**

- Euthanasia, if individual situation warrants sufficient health concern (e. g. completely unvaccinated pet with extensive wounds)

### ***Domestic animal with bite of unknown origin***

- Veterinary practitioner may request PDA quarantine at his/her discretion, based on the practitioner's assessment of the risk of rabies exposure as well as the risk of development of actual disease in that domestic animal.
- Rabies booster/s may be given to improve immune response against the potential rabies exposure

### ***Domestic animal, suspected of having rabies, human exposure***

- \* Report to PDA Regional Office
- Immediate euthanasia and testing

### ***Domestic animal, suspected of having rabies, no human exposure***

- \* Must be reported to PDA Regional Office
  - Euthanasia and testing
- OR**
- PDA quarantine until rabies concerns dispelled or death and testing

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### ***Domestic animal, not suspected of having rabies, that bites a person***

- Must be kept confined for 10 days for observation—at home or clinic
- If the animal is euthanized or dies during the 10 days: test for rabies
- Report the bite to the health department
- Person who is bitten should contact physician or health department

### ***Domestic animal, not suspected of having rabies, that bites a domestic animal***

- Recommend 10 day confinement and observation
- Test for rabies if the biting animal dies during the 10 days

### ***Wild animal showing abnormal behavior indicative of rabies***

- Call the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- If humans/domestic animals in danger, call police or animal control