

## CHAPTER 2.08

## RABIES

## SECTIONS:

2.08.010, 2.08.020, 2.08.030, 2.08.040, 2.08.050,  
 2.08.060 - **REPEALED** - Ord. 219, Effective 4-6-88.  
 2.08.070 Dog Bites - Impounding  
 2.08.080 Health Officer to Quarantine  
 2.08.090 Quarantine  
 2.08.100 Violations

2.08.070 DOG BITES - IMPOUNDING. (a) Every animal bite committed on a person shall be reported to the public health officer who shall investigate the case and may order the offending animal to be impounded at any time during the ten days next following the date of the bite. If the animal is impounded and after ten days next following the date of the bite no rabies is present or suspected, the animal may be released to the owner upon payment of the impounding fees and boarding fees, any license due, and compliance with the rabies vaccination provisions of this chapter. If rabies is present or suspected by the health officer, the animal shall be destroyed and the head preserved for laboratory confirmation of the diagnosis by the public health officer. The owner shall be responsible for impoundment fees and boarding fees.

(b) If the health officer orders an animal impounded at any time during the ten days next following the date of the bite, the owner of the animal may request the impounding to be at a licensed veterinarian's establishment at his own expense.  
 [Ord. 219 (1988) ■ 2]

2.08.080 HEALTH OFFICER TO QUARANTINE. (a) It is a necessary health measure to prevent the spread of rabies.

(b) It shall be the duty of the health officer to quaran-

tine any animal, within the county, which the officer has grounds to suspect of being infected with the disease of rabies. The biting of a human being by a dog or cat is specifically declared to be grounds for suspecting an animal to be so infected.  
[Ord. 219 (1988) ▪ 3]

2.08.090 QUARANTINE. (a) Incident related quarantine shall be initiated by delivering to the owner or keeper of any such animal a written notice of such quarantine which shall prescribe the duration of the same; provided, that the period of quarantine shall not exceed ten days unless it is determined that the existence of such disease is present. The delivery of the notice of quarantine to an adult residing upon the premises where such animal is kept shall be considered as delivery of the notice to the owner or keeper. Any such animal so quarantined shall be impounded, provided, that in the discretion of the health officer, the animal may be quarantined upon the premises of the owner or any other person during such time as the provisions of the quarantine are strictly kept.

(b) During the period of any quarantine made under the provisions of this chapter, the owner or keeper of any animal so quarantined shall not allow such animal to come in contact with any other animal or person or permit such animal to run at large. Nor shall such owner or keeper remove or cause such animal to be removed from the premises without consent of the health officer. These restrictions shall continue until the animal has been released from quarantine. Any animal found running at large, or which has been removed from the premises upon which quarantined, may be impounded and unless claimed and redeemed by its owner within two days after the expiration of quarantine period may be destroyed by the proper authorities.

(c) Any dog or cat that has been bitten by a rabid animal must be destroyed. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal (dog or cat only) should be vaccinated and placed in strict isolation for six months or longer. If the animal has been previously vaccinated with an approved vaccine within the time limit approved for such vaccine, revaccination and restraint for ninety days should be carried out.

(d) Upon any outbreak of rabies, or when rabies has been diagnosed within the county or a rabid dog or animal has been found present, and when in the judgment of the health officer there is imminent danger of the spread of the disease, such officer shall publish a notice to that effect in the official newspaper of the county for three successive days. Upon such outbreak of rabies the health officer has authority to order a countywide strict quarantine on all domestic animals. Notice procedures in BCC 2.08.090(a) do not apply in emergency countywide quarantines. The health officer shall have authority to extend such notice and strict quarantine period for a reasonable length of time.  
[Ord. 219 (1988) ▪ 4]

2.08.100 VIOLATIONS. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
[Ord. 219 (1988) ▪ 5]