

## ANIMAL QUARANTINE ORDER

Antigo City Police  
Langlade County Sheriff 715-627-6411

Langlade County  
Health Dept. 715-627-6250

**A dog or cat owned by you or under your control has bitten a person!** In accordance with WI State Statutes, you are hereby notified that you have the following legal responsibilities:

### UNVACCINATED DOGS, CATS & FERRETS

- If an unvaccinated dog, cat, or ferret bites a person, an officer will order that animal quarantined for a period of at least 10 days after the bite. The "officer" can be a public health official, a law enforcement officer, a DNR warden, or a humane officer.
- Within 24 hours after the quarantine order is issued, the unvaccinated dog, cat, or ferret must be delivered to an isolation facility (e.g., veterinary clinic, humane society shelter, pound) for a 10-day observation period.
- During the 10-day quarantine the dog, cat, or ferret will be held under strict isolation at the isolation facility and examined by a licensed veterinarian on the first day, the last day, and one intervening day of the observation period.
- The quarantine may be released after the veterinarian certifies that the animal has exhibited no signs of rabies during the 10-day quarantine period.
- The veterinarian may extend the quarantine if clinical signs warrant the extension.
- After the quarantine is released, the animal can be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies vaccinations are not to be administered during the observation period.
- In the event that an animal under quarantine does exhibit signs of rabies, state statute requires that the animal be humanely killed and the brain submitted for rabies testing.
- The owner of the animal is responsible for all penalties expenses incurred in connection with the quarantine.

### VACCINATED DOGS, CATS, & FERRETS

- If a vaccinated dog, cat, or ferret (as shown by a valid rabies certificate) bites a person, an officer will order that animal quarantined for a period of at least 10 days after the bite. The "officer" can be a public health official, a law enforcement officer, a DNR warden, or a humane officer.
- Vaccinated dogs, cats, or ferrets may be quarantined on the premises of the owner if the animal is kept in an escape-proof enclosure or in the home and walked on a leash by a responsible adult. If a quarantine cannot be adequately maintained on the premises of the owner, an officer may order a vaccinated dog or cat to be quarantined at an isolation facility.
- During the 10-day quarantine, the dog, cat, or ferret must be examined by a veterinarian on the first day, the last day, and one intervening day of the observation period. This is the only time the animal may leave the owner's premises.
- If the animal displays signs of illness or a change in behavior, it is crucial that the owner notify the veterinarian immediately.
- The quarantine may be released if the veterinarian certifies that the animal has exhibited no signs of rabies during the 10-day quarantined period.
- The veterinarian may extend the quarantine if clinical signs warrant.
- Rabies vaccinations are not to be administered during the observation period. In the unlikely event that an animal under quarantine does exhibit signs of rabies, state statute requires that the animal be humanely killed and the brain submitted for rabies testing.
- The owner of the animal is responsible for all penalties expenses incurred in connection with the quarantine.

**DO NOT DESTROY THE DOG OR CAT** prior to the completion of the quarantine period unless directed by an officer or veterinarian.

**PENALTY and FAILURE TO COMPLY** with this order may result in prosecution leading to fines of \$100.00 to \$1000.00 and/or imprisonment.

