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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF RABIES IN ANIMALS SUBJECT TO RABIES

Above regulations have been on file in the Department of Records since
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The above regulations were advertised in the local newspapers on
December 23, 1960.

Since no requests for a hearing were received as a result of this advertising,
the regulations, having been on file for the required thirty days, are now
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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Pursuant to Section 5-301(b) of the Home Rule Charter and Section 6-214(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) of the Philadelphia Code, the following regulations are promulgated by the Board of Health.

1. DEFINITIONS

In this regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) Owner. Every person having a right of property in such dog or other animal or has it in his care, and/or every person who permits such dog or other animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.
- (b) Rabies Contact (Between Animals). An animal that has consorted with and/or came into physical contact with a known or suspected rabid animal.

2. ISOLATION, NOTIFICATION, REPORTING

- (a) When an animal has been determined to have or is suspected of having rabies or has been bitten by or has come into contact with a known or suspected rabid animal, every person owning and/or having knowledge of, or having possession of such animal shall confine and isolate at once such animal in a secure place.
- (b) Every such person shall notify the Department of Public Health or their agents immediately where such animal is confined. The owner or person having possession of such animal shall surrender the animal to the Department upon request.
- (c) Every person having knowledge of an animal that has died of rabies, or is suspected of having died of rabies, shall notify the Department immediately, by telephone, of the location of the body of such animal. The body of the animal shall be surrendered to the Department by the owner or person having possession or custody of such animal upon request.

3. DUTIES OF VETERINARIAN - NOTIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Any veterinarian who has knowledge of or who treats a dog or other animal which he has diagnosed as rabid or suspects of having rabies shall immediately notify the Department of Public Health. The owner or person having possession of such animal shall be notified by the veterinarian of the nature and communicability of rabies. The veterinarian shall also inform the owner or person having possession of such animal of the requirements of these regulations relating to confinement and isolation.

4. BABIES CONTACTS

- (a) Every animal known to have been bitten by a rabid animal or having come into physical contact with a rabid animal shall be humanely destroyed as soon as the biting animal has been confirmed as being rabid, except as provided in Section 4, b and 4, c).
- (b) Every animal known to have been bitten by a rabid animal or having come into physical contact with a rabid animal may in lieu of the provision in section 4(a) be confined and isolated ~~in a place~~ for a period of 6 months in a place where animals are kept under constant veterinary surveillance and observation and where the animal is completely segregated from other animals. The expense of such confinement shall be borne by the owner or the person in possession of such animal.
- (c) Every animal known to have been bitten by a rabid animal or having come into contact with a known rabid animal and whose owner or the person having possession can show positive proof of vaccination against rabies within one year prior to the time of the bite shall be confined and kept isolated at the expense of the owner or person in possession of the animal for a period of 30 days, in a place where animals are kept under constant veterinary surveillance and observation and the animal is completely segregated from other animals, provided animal is revaccinated or receives a "booster" inoculation of rabies vaccine.

5. QUARANTINE FOLLOWING ANIMAL BITE

When any person is bitten by a dog, or other animal subject to rabies, the owner or person having possession of such a dog or other animal shall permit the examination of the animal by a veterinarian authorized by the Department. Following the preliminary examination, the dog or other animal shall be kept confined and isolated for a period of ten days observation, starting from the day when the bite was inflicted.

During the period of confinement and isolation, the dog or other animal shall not be permitted to roam at large and shall be kept under surveillance by the owner or person having possession or custody of such animal. During the period of confinement or isolation any of the following changes must be reported immediately by telephone to the Department: any striking change in the disposition of the animal; the development of any paralytic symptoms; or death of the animal from any cause.

In the case of death of the animal during period of confinement, the body shall not be removed from the premises and must be kept until the arrival of the Department's representative.

6. FAILURE TO QUARANTINE

Where the owner or person having possession of a dog or other animal which has inflicted a bite upon a human, fails to keep the animal under surveillance of quarantine, or permits the animal to roam at large, such a dog or other animal shall be seized by the Department or its authorized agent and confined or isolated for a period of ten days or for the number of days remaining in the period of observation, at the owner's expense.

7. TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMAL

Any animal, subject to rabies, which has inflicted a bite on a human shall not be transported outside the city limits without the prior approval of the Department or until such time as the animal is released from quarantine by the Department's veterinarian.

8. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The owner or person having possession of a dog or other animal that has inflicted a bite upon a human shall notify the Department of any change in the address of such animal within the period of quarantine.

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