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**RULES PERTAINING TO
RABIES CONTROL**



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SECTION I. AUTHORITY

The following Rules ~~and Regulations~~ Pertaining to Rabies Control are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the Laws of the State of Arkansas, including, without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-101 et seq. and Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-19-301-312.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined for the purpose of these ~~Regulations~~ Rules:

~~A. Dog: All members of the canine family.~~

~~B. A. Cat: All members of the feline family.~~ Any domestic feline animal, species Felis Catus.

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~~B. Dog: All members of the canine family.~~ Any domestic canine animal, species Canis Lupus Familiaris.

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~~C. Has been bitten: The skin has been penetrated by an animal’s teeth and saliva has contacted a break or abrasion of the skin.~~

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~~C. D.~~ Owner: Any person who:

1. Has a right of property in a dog, cat, or other animal; ~~or~~
2. Keeps, harbors, cares for, or acts as the custodian of a dog, cat, or other animal; ~~or~~
or
3. Knowingly permits a dog, cat, or other animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her.

~~D.E.~~ E. Other animal: Any warm-blooded animal, dogs and cats excepted, which may be affected by rabies.

~~E.A.~~ A. ~~Has been bitten: The skin has been penetrated by an animal's teeth and saliva has contacted a break or abrasion of the skin.~~

F. Vaccination against rabies: The injection, intramuscular subcutaneously or otherwise, of canine or feline antirabies antirabic vaccine, as approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or Arkansas State Board of Health, and administered by a licensed veterinarian, veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, veterinary technician specialist, or agent of the Health Department.

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G. Quarantine

1. Quarantine of dogs and cats suspected of having rabies. The complete confinement and observation in a secure cage or enclosure free from human contact for a period of ten (10) days.
2. Quarantine of an area. All dogs and cats, vaccinated or unvaccinated, at all times during a specified period will be kept in a cage, pen or enclosure, and exercised on a leash. Stray dogs and cats will be apprehended and humanely destroyed in accordance with local ordinance.

H. Special circumstances: Bites upon the head, face, neck or upper extremities; deep lacerations; multiple bite wounds inflicted by unvaccinated dogs, cats or other animals.

I. Confinement, quarantine and observation

1. Dogs and cats: Health authorities of the state, county and city, and law enforcement officers, have the authority to order confinement, quarantine and observation of any dog or cat which has bitten a human that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies. If the dog, cat, or other animal has received a current vaccination against rabies and the owner provides proof of the current vaccination, the owner may confine and observe the dog, cat, or other animal. Confinement may be in a public pound or a licensed veterinary hospital. When appropriate facilities for confining a dog, cat, or other animal that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or that it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies are not available, it is the owner's responsibility to prepare and maintain satisfactory confinement facilities. The dog or cat will be quarantined from contact with other animals and humans. Local public officials acting in cooperation shall ensure the dog or cat is confined and observed for a period of ten (10) days from the date the person was bitten. Alternately, the animal may be humanely euthanized and tested for rabies at the Public Health Laboratory. Quarantined animals may be treated by a veterinarian, but rabies vaccine shall not be administered to the animal until the quarantine period is complete. The dog or cat is not to be revaccinated, sold, transferred, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of. If the dog or cat dies or is killed during the 10-day observation period, intentionally or unintentionally, the head shall be shipped immediately to the Public Health Laboratory as outlined in SECTION II.J. The owner is responsible for all costs, including confinement

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fees, veterinary fees and transportation costs. At the end of the 10-day observation period, if the dog or cat shows no signs of illness compatible with rabies, and if the dog or cat does not have a record of current vaccination status, it will be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian prior to release. Dogs or cats having current rabies vaccination need not be revaccinated upon release.

2. Other animals: The incubation period of rabies in all other animals is variable and a specific period of confinement is not practical. If there is no known incubation period, the animal may be euthanized and tested at the discretion of the Department of Health. Consult health authorities for detailed instructions.

J. Shipment to the public health laboratory for tests for diagnosis of rabies.

1. For dogs, cats, skunks, foxes, raccoons, opossums, coyotes, wolves and similarly sized animals, ship the head only.
2. Ship entire carcass of small size animals such as rats, mice, chipmunks, squirrels, bats, etc.
3. Ship to the Arkansas Department of Health, Public Health Laboratory, 201 So. Monroe, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, in the special rabies specimen buckets and boxes supplied by the Laboratory and distributed to all local health units. Because a human life may be endangered, and because early diagnosis of rabies is highly advantageous in selecting treatment for the victim, the fastest and most direct transportation is encouraged. This can be accomplished by personally transporting the animal head to the Laboratory. If private transportation is not available, the specimen may be taken to a local health unit to be transported to the Public Health Laboratory. The specimen must be delivered to the local health unit in a timely fashion. Any veterinary fees, and all transportation costs, are the responsibility of the owner. When ownership is not established, these costs are the victim's responsibility. There may be a charge by the Public Health Laboratory for the examination of an animal brain for rabies.
4. It is essential that all information relative to the possible rabies exposure accompany the rabies specimen.

This includes the complete name, address and phone number of the exposed individual, the owner, the physician and veterinarian attending the case. This information is available when the Rabies Sample Submission Form HL-12 (which is included in each rabies specimen box) is completely and accurately filled out. The Public Health Laboratory will report its findings by the most expeditious means to the submitter.

5. Brain or head only, large animals. Livestock and farm animals present a different situation. Entire carcasses must not be sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Little Rock, Arkansas. The attending licensed veterinarian should remove the brain and ship it in the special rabies specimen container as outlined in SECTION II.J.3. Otherwise, it is the owner's responsibility to transport the head only, packed in wet ice, not dry ice, placed in a plastic bag in a leakproof container, to the Public Health laboratory. The shipment of large animal heads to the Laboratory is very unsatisfactory and dangerous.

SECTION III. VACCINATION

- A. Initial Vaccination: The owner of every dog or cat four (4) months of age or older shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies. Vaccination at a younger age should be in accordance with the labels of USDA licensed rabies vaccines. Unvaccinated dogs or cats more than four (4) months of age, that are acquired or moved into the state must be vaccinated within thirty (30) days of purchase or arrival, unless there is documented evidence of current vaccination.
- B. Revaccination: The owner of every dog or cat shall have the animal revaccinated during the twelfth (12) month after initial vaccination. Thereafter, the interval between revaccinations should conform to the Compendium of Animal Rabies and Control, 2008, Part III: Rabies Vaccines Licensed and Marketed in the U.S., published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc. (Appendix A).

SECTION IV. COMPLIANCE

- A. Those responsible for complying:
 - 1. Public health personnel.
 - 2. Medical and veterinary medical practitioners.
 - 3. Owners, as defined in SECTION II.D.
 - 4. Law enforcement personnel.
 - 5. Persons bitten by dogs, cats or other animals, or, in the case of a minor, the parents or guardian of the minor.
- B. Violations considered as non-compliance:
 - 1. Failure to have dogs or cats vaccinated against rabies.
 - 2. Failure to control and confine dogs, cats or other animals which have been involved in biting incidents and which have not received a current vaccination against rabies or which it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a current vaccination against rabies.
 - 3. Resisting, obstructing or impeding an authorized officer enforcing the law.
 - 4. Failure, refusal or neglect by an officer to carry out the provisions of the law.
 - 5. Failure to notify health authorities and failure to comply with written instructions of health authorities regarding animal bites.
- C. Penalty for non-compliance:
 - 1. Every firm, person, or corporation who violates any of the rules ~~or regulations~~ issued or promulgated by the State Board of Health may be assessed a civil penalty by the board. The penalty shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation may be deemed a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessments. However, no civil penalty may be assessed until the person charged with the violation has been given the opportunity for a hearing on the violation.

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SECTION V. PROCEDURES WHEN HUMAN IS BITTEN BY DOG OR CAT

A. When a dog or cat is a rabies suspect:

1. In "Special circumstances", as defined in SECTION II.H., the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, or his or her designated representative, may advise the immediate euthanasia of the dog or cat and expeditious shipment of the head to the Public Health Laboratory for diagnosis of rabies. Costs for euthanasia and for transportation are borne by the owner.
2. When ownership of the dog or cat is established, the dog or cat, vaccinated or unvaccinated, will be confined, quarantined and observed as outlined in SECTION II.G.1 However, with the owner's consent, the dog or cat may be euthanized and the head shipped as outlined in SECTION II.J.
3. Stray dogs or cats, or where ownership cannot be established, will be euthanized and the head shipped in accordance with SECTION II.J. All veterinary fees, including euthanasia and transportation costs, are the responsibility of the victim or, if a minor, by the victim's parents or guardian.

SECTION VI. PROCEDURES WHEN A HUMAN IS BITTEN BY OTHER ANIMAL

A. Wild animals.

1. A wild animal should be humanely destroyed and the head or brain shipped as outlined in SECTION II.J. Care should be taken not to damage the head because the brain is used by the Laboratory to perform the examination for rabies.

B. Domesticated wild animals.

1. Since the incubation period in animals other than dogs or cats is variable, euthanasia of such domesticated wild animals may be necessary even when they have been vaccinated against rabies. Immediate shipment of the head to the Public Health laboratory, in accordance with SECTION II.J., should be accomplished.

C. Domestic animals.

1. Human exposure to domestic livestock afflicted with rabies often presents a dangerous situation. Medical attention and treatment are necessary. Consult with health authorities for instructions.

D. Domesticated caged pets

1. A bite from a domestic caged pet does not constitute an exposure to rabies. Animals in this classification are guinea pigs, white rats and mice, hamsters, gerbils and rabbits.

SECTION VII. HUMAN POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT

- ### **A.**
- The bite of any warm-blooded animal in Arkansas may be a potential source of rabies. An animal bite exposure to a human requires the immediate attention of a physician who must decide whether antirabies treatment is indicated. If so, the most effective treatment for the type of exposure must be administered. The Health Department is available for consultation and risk assessment of animal bites.

SECTION VIII. PROCEDURES WHEN DOMESTIC DOG OR CAT IS EXPOSED TO RABIES

- A. Vaccinated dogs or cats shall be revaccinated immediately and restrained by the owner. This shall be done by complete confinement and observation in a secure cage or enclosure for a period of at least forty-five (45) days, or the animals may be euthanized as a precaution.
- B. Unvaccinated dogs or cats either shall be euthanized immediately OR confined, quarantined and observed as outlined in [SECTION II.G](#) ~~Section I. G.~~ except that the period will be for six (6) months, and animals will be vaccinated against rabies at least thirty (30) days prior to release. The owner is responsible for all costs.

SECTION IX. PROCEDURES WHEN DOMESTIC ANIMAL OTHER THAN DOG OR CAT IS EXPOSED TO RABIES

Report should be made to the ~~Zoonotic Disease Section Chief~~ [Arkansas State Public Health Veterinarian](#) for consultation concerning disposition of the animal.

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SECTION X. AREA QUARANTINE

- A. Upon request of the proper local officials, a municipality, township, county or undesignated area may be placed under quarantine by the ~~State Health~~ Director of [the Department of Health](#) as outlined in SECTION II.G.2.
- B. In serious situations, the ~~State Health~~ Director of [the Department of Health](#) may place an area under quarantine without waiting for local request.
- C. The occurrence of three or more cases of positive rabies in animals, confirmed by the official Health Department Laboratory in Little Rock, Arkansas, is sufficient basis for placing an area under quarantine.
- D. The proper officials of a government unit may require additional measures to supplement the quarantine of an area in serious situations where there is a possibility that rabies may spread to other animals and constitute a dangerous health hazard for the citizens of the State. These additional measures will be supplied by the Health Department.

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SECTION XI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these Rules ~~and Regulations~~, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Rules ~~and Regulations~~ which can give effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions hereto are declared to be severable.

SECTION XII. REPEAL

All ~~Regulations~~ [Rules](#) and parts of ~~Regulations~~ [Rules](#) in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

CERTIFICATION

This will certify that the foregoing revisions to the Rules Pertaining to Rabies Control were adopted by the State Board of Health of Arkansas at a regular session of said Board held in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the ____ day of _____, _____.

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APPENDIX A

Part III: Rabies Vaccines Licensed and Marketed in the U.S., 2008

Product Name	Produced by	Marketed by	For Use In	Dosage	Age at Primary Vaccination ^a	Booster Recommended	Route of Inoculation
A) MONOVALENT (Inactivated)							
RABVAC 1	Fort Dodge Animal Health License No. 112	Fort Dodge Animal Health	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months ^b 3 months	Annually Annually	IM ^c or SC ^d IM or SC
RABVAC 3	Fort Dodge Animal Health License No. 112	Fort Dodge Animal Health	Dogs Cats Horses	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually	IM or SC IM or SC IM
RABVAC 3 TF	Fort Dodge Animal Health License No. 112	Fort Dodge Animal Health	Dogs Cats Horses	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually	IM or SC IM or SC IM
DEFENSOR 1	Pfizer, Incorporated License No. 189	Pfizer, Incorporated	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months	Annually Annually	IM or SC SC
DEFENSOR 3	Pfizer, Incorporated License No. 189	Pfizer, Incorporated	Dogs Cats Sheep Cattle	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually Annually	IM or SC SC IM IM
RABDOMUN	Pfizer, Incorporated License No. 189	Schering-Plough	Dogs Cats Sheep Cattle	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually Annually	IM or SC SC IM IM
RABDOMUN 1	Pfizer, Incorporated License No. 189	Schering-Plough	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months	Annually Annually	IM or SC SC
CONTINUUM RABIES	Intervet, Incorporated License No. 286	Intervet, Incorporated	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & quadrimestrially	SC SC
PRO-RAB-1	Intervet, Incorporated License No. 286	Intervet, Incorporated	Dogs Cats Sheep	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months	Annually Annually Annually	IM or SC IM or SC IM
IM-RAB 1	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months	Annually Annually	SC SC
IM-RAB 1 TF	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Dogs Cats	1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months	Annually Annually	SC SC
IM-RAB 3	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Dogs Cats Cattle Sheep Horses Ferrets	1 ml 1 ml 2 ml 2 ml 2 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months 3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually Annually Annually	IM or SC IM or SC IM or SC IM or SC IM or SC SC
IM-RAB 3 TF	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Dogs Cats Ferrets	1 ml 1 ml 1 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months	1 year later & triennially 1 year later & triennially Annually	IM or SC IM or SC SC
IM-RAB Large Animal	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Cattle Horses Sheep	2 ml 2 ml 2 ml	3 months 3 months 3 months	Annually Annually 1 year later & triennially	IM or SC IM or SC IM or SC
B) MONOVALENT (Rabies glycoprotein, live canary pox vector)							
PUREVAX Feline Rabies	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Cats	1 ml	8 weeks	Annually	SC
C) COMBINATION (Inactivated rabies)							
CONTINUUM DAP-R	Intervet, Incorporated License No. 286	Intervet, Incorporated	Dogs	1 ml	3 months	1 year later & triennially	SC
CONTINUUM Feline HCP-R	Intervet, Incorporated License No. 286	Intervet, Incorporated	Cats	1 ml	3 months	1 year later & quadrimestrially ^e	SC
Equine POTOMAVAC + IM-RAB	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Horses	1 ml	3 months	Annually	IM
D) COMBINATION (Rabies glycoprotein, live canary pox vector)							
PUREVAX Feline 3/ Rabies	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Cats	1 ml	8 weeks	Annually	SC
PUREVAX Feline 4/ Rabies	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Cats	1 ml	8 weeks	Annually	SC
E) ORAL (Rabies glycoprotein, live vaccinia vector) - RESTRICTED TO USE IN STATE AND FEDERAL RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMS							
RABORAL V-RG	Merial, Incorporated License No. 298	Merial, Incorporated	Coyotes Raccoons	N/A	N/A	As determined by local authorities	Oral

- a. Minimum age (or older) and revaccinated one year later
b. One month = 28 days
c. Intramuscularly
d. Subcutaneously
e. Non-rabies fractions have a 3 year duration (see label)

Source: Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2008, published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H1/31/23 H2/2/23 S2/15/23

2 94th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2023

HOUSE BILL 1182

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5 By: Representatives Vaught, Wardlaw

6 By: Senator Hill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLARITY REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION
10 OF A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST; TO AUTHORIZE A
11 COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN A
12 VETERINARIAN AND A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO PROVIDE CLARITY REGARDING THE

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CERTIFICATION OF A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

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SPECIALIST; AND TO AUTHORIZE A

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COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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A VETERINARIAN AND A VETERINARY

22

TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102, concerning definitions within
28 the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act, is amended to add additional
29 subdivisions to read as follows:

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(18) "Collaborative practice agreement" means a written plan

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that identifies a veterinarian and a veterinary technician specialist who

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agree to collaborate together in the joint management of the health care of

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the veterinarian's animal patients and that outlines procedures for

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consultation with or referral to the collaborating veterinarian or other

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healthcare professionals as indicated by an animal patient's healthcare

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needs;



1 (19) "Collaborating veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed
2 under this chapter who enters into a collaborative practice agreement with a
3 veterinary technician specialist and who resides and practices in this state;
4 and

5 (20) "Specialized veterinary technology" means the performance
6 of all aspects of medical care, services, diagnosis, prognosis, and the
7 administration of appliances and prescribed drugs, medications, and treatment
8 of an animal patient under the direct supervision, indirect supervision, or
9 immediate supervision of a collaborating veterinarian.

10
11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-306(i)-(j), concerning the
12 certification of veterinary technicians, veterinary technologists, and
13 veterinary technician specialists, are amended to read as follows:

14 *(i) A veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, or veterinary*
15 *technician specialist shall not receive a fee or other compensation for*
16 *veterinary services or veterinary technology services other than the salary*
17 *or other compensation paid to the veterinary technician, veterinary*
18 *technologist, or veterinary technician specialist by the veterinary clinic,*
19 *veterinary practice, or veterinarian by which he or she is employed.*

20 ~~(j)(1) The Veterinary Medical Examining Board may issue additional~~
21 ~~certifications for a veterinary technician specialist.~~

22 ~~(2) For an applicant seeking certification as a veterinary~~
23 ~~technician specialist, the Veterinary Medical Examining Board may require an~~
24 ~~initial application, application fee as determined by the Veterinary Medical~~
25 ~~Examining Board, renewal application, renewal application fee as determined~~
26 ~~by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board, and any other relevant information~~
27 ~~determined by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board.~~

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-101-310, concerning required continuing
30 education under the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act, is amended to
31 add an additional subsection to read as follows:

32 (d)(1) A veterinary technician specialist shall complete an additional
33 eight (8) hours of advanced continuing education in his or her area of
34 specialty each year before veterinary technician specialist certification
35 renewal.

36 (2) A veterinary technician specialist shall maintain an active

1 veterinary technician certification in this state and fulfill all continuing
2 education hours required for the veterinary technician certification.

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4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 101, Subchapter 3, is
5 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

6 17-101-319. Veterinary technician specialist – Certification.

7 (a)(1) The Veterinary Medical Examining Board shall issue additional
8 certifications for a veterinary technician specialist.

9 (2) For an applicant seeking certification as a veterinary
10 technician specialist, the board may require:

11 (A) An initial application and an initial application fee
12 as determined by the board;

13 (B) A renewal application and a renewal application fee as
14 determined by the board; and

15 (C) Any other relevant information determined by the
16 board.

17 (b)(1) A veterinary technician specialist shall perform specialized
18 veterinary technology under the direction, supervision, and responsibility of
19 the:

20 (A) Licensed veterinarian with whom he or she is employed;
21 or

22 (B) Collaborating veterinarian under a collaborative
23 practice agreement.

24 (2) Supervision of a veterinary technician specialist may be
25 direct supervision, indirect supervision, or immediate supervision.

26 (3) A veterinarian who utilizes indirect supervision of a
27 veterinary technician specialist shall:

28 (A) Retain control of and authority over the care of the
29 animal patient; and

30 (B) Review all record keeping and notes documented by the
31 veterinary technician specialist on the charts regarding the care of the
32 animal patient.

33 (c)(1) A licensed veterinarian using, supervising, or employing a
34 veterinary technician specialist is individually responsible and liable for
35 the performance of the acts and omissions delegated to the veterinary
36 technician specialist.

1 (2) This subsection does not relieve a veterinary technician
2 specialist of any responsibility or liability for any of his or her own acts
3 and omissions.

4 (3) A licensed veterinarian shall not establish a separate
5 office or clinic in a location other than his or her regular office and place
6 the separate office or clinic under the control or supervision of a
7 veterinary technician specialist.

8 (d) A veterinary technician specialist may receive compensation for
9 performing the practice of specialized veterinary technology.

10 (e) A person shall not use or assume the title "certified veterinary
11 technician specialist", "veterinary technician specialist", "VTS", or "CVTS"
12 or use any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying
13 that the person holds a veterinary technician specialist certification unless
14 the person is certified by the board.

15
16 17-101-320. Collaborative practice agreement.

17 (a)(1)(A) A veterinary technician specialist and a veterinarian may
18 enter into a collaborative practice agreement.

19 (B) A veterinarian shall not enter into a collaborative
20 practice agreement with more than three (3) veterinary technician specialists
21 at one (1) time.

22 (2) A collaborative practice agreement shall include without
23 limitation provisions addressing:

24 (A) The location and license details of both the
25 veterinary technician specialist and collaborating veterinarian as well as
26 the availability of the collaborating veterinarian for consultation or
27 referral, or both;

28 (B) Methods of management of the collaborative practice,
29 which shall include protocols for technical duties and prescriptive
30 authority;

31 (C) Coverage of the veterinary needs of an animal patient
32 in the emergency absence of the veterinary technician specialist or
33 collaborating veterinarian; and

34 (D) Quality assurance with monthly reviews of the
35 veterinary technician specialist's animal patients' medical records or case
36 discussions with the collaborating veterinarian.

1 (3) If a collaborative practice results in complaints of
2 violations of this chapter, the Veterinary Medical Examining Board may review
3 the role of the collaborating veterinarian or the veterinary technician
4 specialist in the collaborative practice to determine if the collaborating
5 veterinarian or the veterinary technician specialist is unable to manage his
6 or her responsibilities under the collaborative practice agreement without an
7 adverse effect on the quality of care of the animal patient.

8 (4) A veterinary technician specialist shall notify the board in
9 writing within seven (7) days following the termination of a collaborative
10 practice agreement.

11 (b)(1) A veterinary technician specialist may receive drugs,
12 medicines, or therapeutic devices appropriate to the veterinary technician
13 specialist's area of practice.

14 (2) If the collaborative practice agreement between a veterinary
15 technician specialist and a collaborating veterinarian is terminated, a new
16 collaborative practice agreement shall be required.

17 (3) Under the supervision of a collaborating veterinarian, a
18 veterinary technician specialist may:

19 (A)(i) Establish care for new animal patients by forming a
20 preliminary veterinarian-client-patient relationship on behalf of the
21 collaborating veterinarian with the animal patient or client, order
22 diagnostics, provide a diagnosis or a prognosis, and develop treatment plans
23 with a collaborating veterinarian.

24 (ii) The collaborating veterinarian shall complete
25 the veterinarian-client-patient relationship by personally seeing the animal
26 patient within fifteen (15) days;

27 (B) Perform the induction, maintenance, and monitoring of
28 anesthesia for an animal patient except when in conflict with state or
29 federal law;

30 (C) Perform minor dental and surgical procedures on animal
31 patients, excluding abdominal, thoracic, or orthopedic surgery and
32 neurosurgery;

33 (D) Administer a drug or controlled substance to prevent
34 suffering of animal patients, including without limitation euthanasia, under
35 direct communication with a collaborating veterinarian;

36 (E) Initiate and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on

1 animal patients, including administration of medication and defibrillation,
2 and provide immediate post-resuscitation care according to established
3 protocols except when in conflict with state or federal law; and

4 (F) Dispense and administer medicines or therapeutic
5 devices for animal patients except when in conflict with state or federal
6 law.

7 (c) The veterinary technician specialist shall keep accurate records
8 in accordance with the rules of the board, including without limitation the
9 medical history, physical examination, other evaluations and consultations,
10 treatment plan objective, informed consent noted in the animal patient's
11 record, treatment, prescriptions, and medications given, agreements regarding
12 the animal patient, and periodic reviews.

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14 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 20-19-302(6), concerning the definition of
15 "vaccination against rabies" within the Rabies Control Act, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (6) "Vaccination against rabies" means the injection,
18 subcutaneously or otherwise, of antirabic vaccine, as approved by the United
19 States Department of Agriculture or the State Board of Health and
20 administered by a licensed veterinarian, veterinary technician, veterinary
21 technologist, veterinary technician specialist, or agent of the Department of
22 Health.

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5 By: Representative Magie
6 By: Senator M. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED TO THE
10 CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN TO
11 ALLOW AN OWNER TO CONFINE AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED
12 A CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED
17 TO THE CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A
18 PERSON IS BITTEN TO ALLOW AN OWNER TO
19 CONFINE AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED A
20 CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-307(a), concerning the confinement of
27 an animal when a person is bitten within the Rabies Control Act, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 (a)(1)(A) Whenever the health authorities, county sheriff's office, or
30 municipal police officers in cooperation with health authorities receive
31 information that any person has been bitten by a dog, cat, or other animal
32 that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or it is unknown
33 if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies,
34 these local public officials acting in cooperation shall have the dog or
35 other animal confined and observed.

36 (B) If the dog, cat, or other animal has received a



1 current vaccination against rabies and the owner provides proof of the
2 current vaccination, the owner may confine and observe the dog, cat, or other
3 animal.

4 (2) If there is no local facility available for confining the
5 dog, cat, or other animal that has not received a current vaccination against
6 rabies or it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a
7 vaccination against rabies, it shall be the owner's responsibility to make
8 satisfactory arrangements or to prepare a facility for the purpose of
9 confinement.

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