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BOH Rule Repeal for Postexposure Management of Dogs and Cats

Recommended by the NC Division of Public Health

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The Appalachian District Health Department Board of Health hereby gives notice, pursuant to N.C. General Statute §130A-39, of the proposed repeal of the existing board of health rule titled Rabies postexposure Management of Dogs and Cats that was adopted on November 8, 2016. The existing rule established the recommendations and guidelines for rabies postexposure management of dogs and cats specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the 2016 edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (Part I.B.5: Postexposure Management) as the required control measures pursuant to N.C. General Statute §130A-197. The board will consider repeal of their existing rule since the ratification of N.C. Session Law 2017-106, Senate Bill 74 and the subsequent amendment of N.C. General Statute §130A-197 will supersede the local rule.

Relevant materials including the Appalachian District Health Department Board of Health rule titled Rabies Postexposure Management of Dogs and Cats and Senate Bill 74 which was ratified on July 12, 2017 and will amend N.C. General Statute §130A-197 on October 1, 2017 have been placed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga Counties and may be viewed in that office and the Appalachian District Health Departments, during their respective regular office hours.

The Board will consider the repeal of the existing rule, will hear from interested citizens, and may take action on the proposed rule repeal, at its meeting on November 14, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Aire Seafood & Steaks, 9930 NC-16 West Jefferson, NC 28694. The Board may act on the proposal to repeal the rule at that meeting with an effective date of November 15, 2017, or may choose to defer action until a later meeting.

This notice is published this the 27th day of September, 2017.

Kenneth Richardson, Chair
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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2017**

**SESSION LAW 2017-106
SENATE BILL 74**

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIANS REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS EXPOSED TO RABIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-197 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-197. ~~Infected animals to be destroyed; protection of vaccinated animals.~~Management of dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to rabies.

When the local health director reasonably suspects that an animal required to be vaccinated under this Part has been exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a proven rabid animal or animal reasonably suspected of having rabies that is not available for laboratory diagnosis, the animal shall be considered to have been exposed to rabies. ~~An animal exposed to rabies shall be destroyed immediately by its owner, the county Animal Control Officer or a peace officer unless the animal has been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with this Part and the rules of the Commission more than 28 days prior to being exposed, and is given a booster dose of rabies vaccine within five days of the exposure. As an alternative to destruction, the animal may be quarantined at a facility approved by the local health director for a period up to six months, and under reasonable conditions imposed by the local health director.~~The recommendations and guidelines for rabies post-exposure management specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the most current edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control shall be the required control measures."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2017.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 1:56 p.m. this 12th day of July, 2017