



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

| Policy #: | Title:   | Effective Date: |
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| 2011-02   | Rabies Quarantine Procedures after Animal Bite | 01/03/11        |

#### PURPOSE

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To establish general guidelines for rabies quarantine after an animal bite.

#### REFERENCE

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Section 14-173 Taylor County Code

#### POLICY SUPERSEDED

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Policy No. 2009-24, Rabies Quarantine Procedures after Animal Bite 09/15/09

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners, Taylor County, Florida, that:

Policy No. 2009-24, adopted 03/17/09, is hereby repealed and superseded and a new policy is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

#### POLICY

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Any animal that has bitten, regardless of vaccination status, is required to be quarantined for a length of ten (10) days. The following guidelines outline the procedures for quarantine:

\*\*An animal which has had a current rabies vaccination, administered by a licensed veterinarian, may be granted the option of home quarantine IF the following restrictions can be met AND the responding Animal Control Officer feels it would be in the best interest of all parties:

- a) The animal must be provided an isolated area where it is kept away from all other animals and shall have minimum contact with people.
- b) The animal shall be leashed and under control of a person competent to restrain the animal when outside for exercise or relief, and shall not be allowed to leave the property except to receive emergency veterinary care. In such case the veterinarian will be advised of the quarantine.
- c) Further stipulations are outlined in "Home Quarantine Agreement" (Attached)

IF any of these stipulations cannot be met the animal will be impounded and quarantined at the Taylor County Animal Shelter or transported to the veterinarian of choice (If arrangements have been made and approved). Impound fees will apply.

\*\*An animal, regardless of vaccination status, may be quarantined at a veterinary facility if all stipulations are agreed to by the veterinarian in charge. Stipulations outlined in "Veterinary Quarantine Agreement" (Attached)

\*\*Any animal over 16 weeks that has not been vaccinated against rabies MUST be quarantined at the Taylor County Animal Shelter or a Taylor County Veterinary facility. Quarantine fees as established in Policy 2009-07 shall apply. Prior to release, Animal Control will transport the animal to a local veterinarian of choice and receive a current rabies vaccination. The animal owner shall be responsible for the veterinarian fees. (Shelter Quarantine Forms Attached)

\* Out-of-county residents will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

### **RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT**

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Environmental Services Department – Animal Control

### **SUNSET DATE**

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**Sunset Date: 01/03/16**