

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION R2-1998  
"A REGULATION TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULATION R1-1996 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

Whereas, local Boards of Health are authorized by Section 3709.20 to make such orders and regulations as necessary for its own government, for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement and suppression of nuisances; and

Whereas, the Board of Health of the Springdale City Health District is mandated to adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement and suppression of nuisances; and

Whereas, the Board of Health of the Springdale City Health District has determined that the regulations regarding the immunization of all dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies and other controls relating thereto are necessary to prevent and restrict rabies in individuals and animals.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Health of the City of Springdale, State of Ohio, 4 members appointed thereto concurring:

Section 1. That existing Section 6 of Board of Health Regulation R1-1996 be amended as follows:

Section 6: Management of Animals That Bite Humans

6.1 Whenever a person suffers a bite by a dog, cat, ferret or other rabies susceptible animal within the Springdale City Health District, a report of all facts relating to the incident shall be made to the Health Commissioner as soon as possible, but not later than, twenty-four (24) hours after the time in which the bite occurred. If the Health Commissioner cannot be notified within these time limitations such report shall be made to the Springdale police. The following persons shall have an affirmative duty of reporting to the Health Commissioner all information within their knowledge or in their possession concerning the bite incident:

1. The attending physician to the bite victim;
2. The bite victim;
3. The owner or harbored of the biting animal; and ,
4. Any person, including a veterinarian, having knowledge of the bite incident.

6.2 The bite report facts shall include:

1. The name, address, phone number and age of the person bitten;
2. The name of the head of household wherein the bitten person resides;
3. The location of the bite wound and the extent of the wound;
4. The circumstances of the bite occurrence;
5. The name, address and phone number of the owner or harbored of the animal;
6. A description of the animal to include breed, size, color and name (if known);
7. The date of the last rabies vaccination; and
8. The name of the veterinarian who treated the animal.

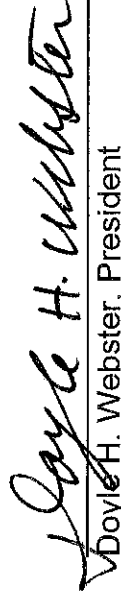
- 6.3 Whenever it is reported to the Health Commissioner that any dog, cat or ferret located within the Health District has bitten a person, such dog, cat or ferret shall be quarantined under an order issued by the Health Commissioner. The Health Commissioner shall have the discretion to determine where such animal may be quarantined, but as a general rule such animal may be quarantined at the residence of the owner or harborer or at a pound or kennel. In all cases, said quarantine shall be under the supervision of the Health Commissioner and shall be at the expense of the owner or harborer. The quarantine shall continue until the Health Commissioner determines that the dog, cat or ferret is not affected with rabies. The quarantine period hereby required shall not be less than ten (10) days from the date on which the person was bitten. If at any time during the quarantine, the Health Commissioner requires the dog, cat or ferret to be examined for symptoms of rabies, then the examination shall be by a veterinarian. The veterinarian shall report to the Health Commissioner the conclusions reached as a result of the examination. The examination by a veterinarian shall be at the expense of the owner or harborer. No dog, cat or ferret shall be released from the required quarantine unless and until written verification that the dog, cat or ferret has been properly vaccinated against rabies or verbal verification of such vaccination from the veterinarian has been provided to the Health Commissioner. If a dog, cat or ferret involved in a bite to humans is killed prior to or during quarantine, the head of the dog, cat or ferret shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.
- 6.4 No person shall remove a quarantined dog, cat or ferret from the Springdale Health District until such quarantine period has been completed. Likewise, no person shall transfer a quarantined dog, cat or ferret within the Health District until such quarantine period has been completed except that a person may transfer the dog, cat or ferret to the county dog warden or to any other animal control authority recognized, as such, by the Health Commissioner.
- 6.5 No person shall kill a quarantined dog, cat or ferret until such quarantine period has been completed, except that this prohibition shall not apply to the humane killing of the animal in order to prevent further injury or death if such animal is diseased or seriously injured.
- 6.6 If, for whatever reason, any quarantined dog, cat or ferret dies before the expiration of the quarantine period, the owner, harborer or person having control of such animal shall immediately notify the Health Commissioner of the facts relating to the death of the animal and shall hold the body of the animal until the Health Commissioner claims it to be examined for rabies. If any quarantined dog, cat or ferret dies before the quarantine period expires, then the head of the animal shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.
- 6.7 If the owner or harborer is unknown and the dog, cat or ferret is considered a stray, the Health Commissioner shall quarantine the animal for ten days and have the animal

euthanized or the Health Commissioner may direct that the animal be euthanized immediately, in a humane manner, in which case the head of the animal shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.

- 6.8 Whenever it is reported to the Health Commissioner that any other rabies susceptible animal has bitten a person within the Springdale City Health District, the Health Commissioner may direct the immediate killing of said animal by a suitable humane method (see Attachment A). The head of said animal shall then be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratories for rabies examination.

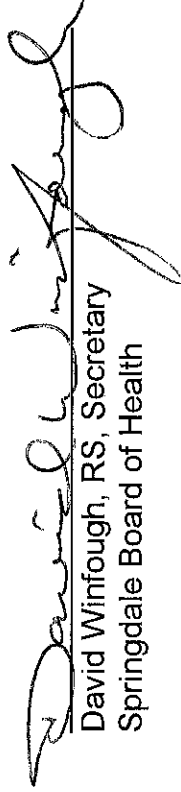
Section 2: That this regulation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare and shall go into effect immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law. The reason for said declaration of emergency is to prevent unnecessary distress over having to euthanize a vaccinated pet ferret after biting a human.

Passed this 12th day of February 1998.



Doyle H. Webster, President  
Springdale Board of Health

Attest:



David Winfough, RS, Secretary  
Springdale Board of Health