Disposition of Biting Animals

High-Risk Species

Dog, Cat or Domestic Ferret

Other Species

Low-Risk Species

Animal is unmown or owner agrees to euthanasia and testing.

Recommend euthanasia and testing.

Does the LRCA believe the animal is rabid?

No

Yes

Animal observed for 10 days from day of bite.

Has animal been vaccinated within time period on label recommendations or is it less than 4 months old?

No

Yes

Home confinement with LRCA approval.

Quarantine at approved facility.

Animal remains healthy until end of observation period.

Animal gets sick or dies.

Humanely destroy animal.

Remove head and refrigerate – DO NOT FREEZE.

Pack head using instructions in Rules for Chapter 826.

Ship head and telephone laboratory.

Wait for laboratory results.

Owner refuses to destroy animal.

Owner agrees to destroy animal.

No testing or quarantine is required.

Owner

Source: Department of State Health Services Animal Control Officer Training Manual