

RABIES REGULATIONS (LICENSING AND VACCINATION)

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By virtue of the powers vested in me pursuant to Section 16 of the Rabies Ordinance, 1934, and Section 20 of the Animal Diseases Ordinance, 1945, I hereby enact these regulations:

Definitions

1. In these regulations:

the "Director": This shall refer to the Director of Veterinary Services.

"Vaccination": This shall refer to an injection against the disease of rabies, given pursuant to Regulation 3.

"Dog": This shall refer to a dog at least three months of age.

"Possessor": With regard to a Dog, this shall refer to the Owner or to anyone in whose possession the Dog is.

"Approved Vaccinator": This shall refer to a veterinarian whom the Director, with the consent of an Authorized Clerk within whose jurisdiction said veterinarian's clinic is located, has empowered to perform Vaccinations on Dogs pursuant to Regulation 3 and in accordance with terms set by the Director.

"Authorized Clerk": This shall refer to a veterinarian appointed by a city council or a local council and given the consent of the Director in the matter of Regulation 19(a) of the Animal Diseases Regulations (Slaughter of Beasts), 1964, with respect to that local authority.

"Tag": This shall refer to a tag as determined by the Director, to be tied around the neck of a Dog, attesting to the performance of a Vaccination in the year engraved thereon.

"Certificate": This shall refer to a certificate worded as determined by the Director and signed by an Authorized Clerk or a State Veterinary Officer or an Approved Vaccinator, attesting to the performance of a Vaccination.

Duty of Licensing and Vaccination

- 1A. No person shall keep a Dog unless it holds a license issued by a local authority (hereinafter: the "License"), which states, pursuant to Regulation 3, that the Dog has received a Vaccination against rabies, valid for the duration of validity of the License.

Date of Notice and Vaccination

2. (a) Within five days of the date on which a puppy becomes a Dog or from the starting date of possession of a Dog which has not yet received a Vaccination or from the date on which twelve months have elapsed from the date on which the Dog received a Vaccination, the Possessor of the Dog must give notice of this fact to a State Veterinary Officer or an Authorized Clerk (hereinafter:

the "Notice") and must bring the Dog to them or to an Approved Vaccinator with regard to whom Notice was given, on the date set for the performance of a Vaccination on the Dog.

- (b) The Possessor shall notify the Approved Vaccinator that the Notice has been given.

Vaccination, Marking and Issuance of a Certificate	3.	A State Veterinary Officer, an Authorized Clerk or an Approved Vaccinator who has been approached by a Possessor pursuant to Regulation 2 shall, within seven days of the date of the Notice, perform a Vaccination on the Dog brought by the Possessor, shall tie a Tag around its neck, and shall confirm with his/her signature, in the License, the performance of the Vaccination and the date thereof.
Revaccination	3A.	Should the Dog have been between three and six months old at the time of a Vaccination, the Possessor is obligated to bring it for revaccination to a State Veterinary Officer, an Authorized Clerk or an Approved Vaccinator, on the date to be determined by them.
Prohibition Against Vaccination	4.	No person shall perform a Vaccination against rabies nor assist in the performance of a Vaccination as stated, unless that person is a State Veterinary Officer, an Authorized Clerk or an Approved Vaccinator.
Appeal	4A.	Should an Authorized Clerk not have agreed to authorize a veterinarian to be an Approved Vaccinator, or should the Director have refused to give such authorization as stated, any person considering him/herself to be an injured party is entitled to appeal for this purpose to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister of Agriculture.
Composition and Activities of the Appeals Committee	4B.	<p>(a) The Appeals Committee shall be composed of three members: a representative of local government, a public personage and an employee of the Ministry of Agriculture who shall act as Chair of the Committee.</p> <p>(b) The Appeals Committee shall meet, within 30 days of the date on which the appeal was received, at the Office of Veterinary Services in Bet Dagan, and shall give its response within thirty days of the date of its first session.</p> <p>(c) The Appeals Committee is entitled to reject the appeal or to accept it in whole or in part.</p> <p>(d) The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.</p>
	4C.	An appeal against the decision of the Director shall be submitted in writing, no later than thirty days from the date on which the Director's refusal was received.
Licensing and Vaccination Fees	5.	<p>(a) For a License for a Dog, issued by a local authority, the Possessor of the Dog shall pay a fee of NIS 34.50, and if the Dog is sterilized, a fee of NIS 17.25.</p> <p>(b) For a Vaccination, the Possessor of the Dog shall pay a fee of NIS 12.50, and if the Dog is sterilized, a fee of NIS 6.25.</p>

Exemption	6.	A blind person shall be exempt from the fee for Vaccination of a Dog which serves that person as a guide.
Prohibition Against Keeping an Unvacci- nated Dog	7.	<p>(a) No person shall keep a Dog unless it has received a Vaccination, it has a Tag around its neck, and its Possessor has a Certificate in his/her possession.</p> <p>(b) Sub-regulation (a) shall not apply to a Possessor who has proven that he/she possesses the Dog in the period from the beginning of the five days and up to the date set for performance of the Vaccination pursuant to Regulation 2.</p>
Entry into Force	8.	These Regulations shall enter into force on the tenth day after their publication.
Abrogation	9.	The Rabies Regulations (Vaccination), 5732-1971 - are abrogated,

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