

PREVENTION OF RABIES RULES

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PART I

GENERAL

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prevention of Rabies Rules. Citation

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
“carnivore” means any wild carnivore tamed and kept as a pet
and any domesticated carnivore;
“infected area” means any area declared to be an infected area
in respect of rabies under section 4 of the Act.

PART II

CONTROL OF ANIMALS

3. If any person knows or suspects any dog, carnivore or other animal— Notification of suspected animals
(a) has bitten any person without apparent cause;
(b) is infected with or suffering from rabies; or

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(c) has been in contact with any animal known or suspected to be infected with or suffering from rabies,

he shall immediately notify the nearest Inspector, Administrative Officer or Police Officer, and such person notified shall, if other than an Inspector, immediately convey such notification to the nearest Inspector.

Destruction
and
disposal

4.—(1) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a dog, carnivore or other animal is suffering from rabies may kill such dog, carnivore or other animal.

(2) The carcass of any dog, carnivore or other animal killed under subrule (1) shall be buried at a depth of not less than four feet below the surface of the ground and any person who has killed an animal under the provision of these Rules who fails so to bury such carcass shall be guilty of an offence.

Control of
suspected
animal

5.—(1) The owner or other person in charge of a dog, carnivore or other animal which—

(a) has bitten any person without apparent cause;

(b) is suspected to be infected with or suffering from rabies;

or

(c) is suspected of having been in contact with any animal known or suspected to be infected with or suffering from rabies,

shall either kill such dog, carnivore or other animal or shall secure and confine it immediately and keep it secure and confined so as effectively to prevent it having access to any person or other animal.

Powers of
Inspector

6. An Inspector may at any time detain and take into possession any dog, carnivore or other animal if, in his opinion, it is desirable to do so for the purpose of close observation for suspected rabies or for the prevention of rabies, and if believed to be suffering from rabies may cause such dog, carnivore or other animal to be killed:

Provided that an Inspector may preserve or order the preservation of any part of an animal so killed for scientific investigation.

Movement

7. In any infected area—

(a) movements of dogs or carnivores into, out of, through or within the area shall be prohibited:

Schedule

Provided however that an Inspector may grant a permit in the form in the Schedule hereto for the transit by rail, air, road or water through the area of any dog or carnivore which is securely crated and not released at any point within the area;

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(b) every dog or carnivore shall be secured by the person in charge of such dog or carnivore in such manner as the Chief Veterinary Officer may by notice specify:

Provided that an Inspector may, under such conditions as he may specify in writing, exempt any dog or carnivore from the provision of this paragraph;

(c) any dog or carnivore found wandering at large or ineffectively secured may be seized, detained, isolated or destroyed by an Inspector or any person duly authorized in writing by an Inspector.

PART III

VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES

8.—(1) The Chief Veterinary Officer may, by notice published in the *Gazette* declare any area to be a specified area in respect of the vaccination of dogs against rabies. All dogs over the apparent age of three months in a specified area shall be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with these Rules.

Declaration
of specified
area

(2) The owner or person in charge of any dog which—

(a) is in a specified area;

(b) is over the apparent age of three months; and

(c) has not been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with these Rules,

shall be guilty of an offence.

9. Every dog shall, at the age of three months, be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinary officer and thereafter shall be re-vaccinated at intervals of not more than thirty-six months.

Vaccination

10.—(1) Immediately after the dog has been vaccinated against rabies the inside surface of an ear of the dog shall be marked with an indelible tattoo in such a way that it will remain as permanent evidence of such vaccination.

Marking of
dogs' ears

(2) When a dog has been vaccinated for the first time its left ear shall be tattooed in the manner provided in subrule (1). After second vaccination the right ear of the dog shall be tattooed in the manner provided in subrule (1). When a dog is presented for a third or subsequent vaccination if the tattoos in respect of the first and second vaccinations are clearly visible no further tattooing shall be required if the owner of the dog so requests and the veterinary officer performing the vaccination agrees. If such relief from further tattooing is accorded the onus will remain upon the owner of the dog to ensure that the first two tattoos remain visible.

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(3) If the owner of a dog is requested to produce it for inspection as regards its vaccination status he will be required to prove to the Inspector that the dog has been properly vaccinated—

(a) by showing the Inspector the ears of the dog marked with the appropriate tattoos; and

(b) by producing to the Inspector a valid and current certificate of vaccination.

Schedule

(4) After a dog has been vaccinated by an Inspector such Inspector shall, at the request of the owner or person presenting the dog for vaccination, issue in respect of the dog a certificate of vaccination, in the form in the Schedule hereto duly signed by the Inspector.

Vaccinated dogs

11.—(1) After the expiration of seven days from the publication of a declaration of specified area in respect of rabies under rule 7, any Inspector or other person duly authorized in writing by the

Inspector may detain or destroy any unvaccinated dog found within the specified area.

(2) For the purpose of this rule any dog which is found within the specified area and which does not bear on its ears the tattoo marks specified in rule 8 shall be deemed to be unvaccinated.

12. When a certificate in the form in the Schedule hereto has been issued and has subsequently been lost an Inspector may, on satisfactory proof being produced to him that a dog has in fact been vaccinated, issue a replacement certificate.

Replace-
ment
certificates
Schedule

PART IV

DETENTION AND DESTRUCTION

13.—(1) Any Inspector or Police Officer may seize and detain—

Diseased
dogs and
bitches in
season

(a) any dog which is in a diseased or neglected condition or which appears to be ownerless;

(b) any bitch which is in season and is not being confined in a manner which has previously been directed by an Inspector.

(2) Any such dog or bitch referred to in subrule (1) above shall be detained for three clear days after it has been seized and may thereupon be destroyed unless the Inspector considers that it is in a fit condition to be returned to its owner.

(3) Any Inspector issuing directions under this rule may himself carry out the directions or may cause them to be carried out by some other person.

FORM I

SCHEDULE

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PERMIT TO MOVE DOGS AND/OR CARNIVORES

OF

is authorized under the Control and Diseases of Animals Act to move the dogs and/or carnivores described below from to by rail/air/road/water via..... and under the following conditions:*

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No.	Description of dogs and/or carnivores to be moved	Remarks

This permit must be carried by any person accompanying the dogs and/or carnivores and be produced on demand by any Government Officer, transporter or owner of land over which the dogs and/or carnivores may pass. If the dogs and/or carnivores are unaccompanied this permit must be securely affixed to the crate in which the dogs and/or carnivores are secured.

Station

Issuer of Permit

Date

*The issuer of the permit should state in detail the route to be followed, any special conditions which he attaches to the permit and the period for which the permit is valid.

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CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION

This is to certify that I have today vaccinated a..... dog/bitch with rabies vaccine modified live virus avianized Serial No. at the request of..... of..... being the owner/person in charge of the animal.

Marking of dog.....

Weight of dog

Signed.....

Veterinary Officer

Stamp

Dated this..... day of....., 19....