

Rabies Control Regulations

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- 1** All dogs within the area must be licensed.
- 2** Licensed dogs are not allowed to roam at large unless immunized against rabies or muzzled.
- 3** A licensed dog not immunized may be taken out on a leash.
- 4** All licensed dogs must have a brass tag on the collar indicating the year for which the license is legal.
- 5** Dogs immunized against rabies shall have attached to the collar a white metal tag indicating the year and month during which the immunization treatment was given. The period during which a dog shall be considered as being effectively immunized is one year from the date of treatment.
- 6** All dogs licensed and running at large but unmuzzled and not immunized and all dogs rabid, or which have been bitten by a rabid dog shall be killed.
- 7** The body of any animal dying with rabies shall be burned or buried under three feet of earth in an isolated place. The rooms, shed, stable or other place and any article which may have been infected shall be disinfected to the satisfaction of the local Board of Health or the Medical Health Officer.
- 8** The local Board of Health shall make provision for the immediate treatment of any indigent person or persons who may require anti-rabic treatment by reason of his having been exposed to or bitten by any rabid animal. It shall in addition require the disinfection of all premises which may have been occupied by rabid animals.

9 Animals other than dogs which are rabid or which have been injured or bitten by or have been exposed to another animal which has been declared to be rabid may be destroyed if a local Board of Health or Medical Health Officer so orders.

10 Any action taken under this regulation by any local Board of Health or any Medical Health Officer shall be at once reported to the Provincial Health Officer.

11 All material required either for treatment or immunization shall be procured, sold or distributed by the Provincial Health Officer under the conditions provided for in the regulations respecting sera, vaccines, antitoxins, etc., as provided for in the *Health Protection Act*.

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