**Rabies - Dogs & Cats**

**What happens if your dog or cat bites someone?**

 

1. Any bite/exposure is required to be reported to the Wayne County Health Department.
2. The Wayne County Health Department is not going to take the dog/cat. away from the owner.
3. If the victim seeks medical treatment, the medical provider is required to have a Bite Report completed and sent to WCHD.
4. The dog, cat, etc. is required to be quarantined – which simply means to be kept away from the public – for 10 days.
5. The goal of the Health Department is to make sure that dogs/cats remain healthy throughout the quarantine period.
6. The dog, cat, etc. is required to be taken to the Vet. **after** the 10th day to have a Good Health Certificate completed so that the GHC can be sent to WCHD.

1. If the dog/cat/ does not have a current Rabies vaccination they will need to be given a Rabies vaccination (unless they are too young to be vaccinated or have other health issues).

**The Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) requires that all animal bite and exposure incidents are reported to WCHD within 24 hours.**

 

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