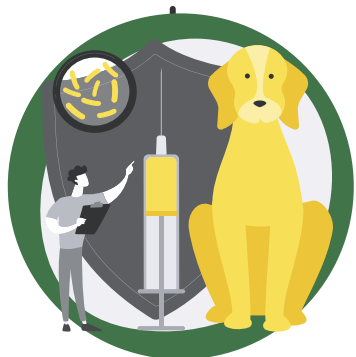


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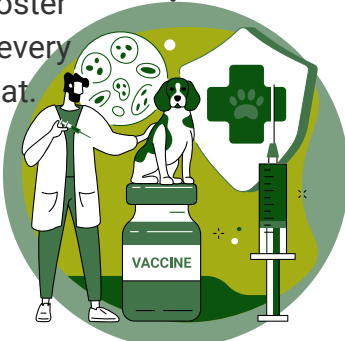
BITES



Vaccinate your pets

- **Dogs** are required by law to be vaccinated against rabies.
- Pets like **cats** and **ferrets** should be vaccinated to protect them from other animals that carry rabies.
- Pets can get their first dose when they are **three months old**.
- Pets will need a booster after **one year** and every **three years** after that.

Your animal should **always wear the rabies vaccine tag**. If your animal bites someone and you cannot prove they are up to date on rabies vaccinations it will need to be taken to an isolation center for quarantine. **You will be responsible for the cost.** Citations may be issued to animal owners who are negligent or out of compliance with state law or local ordinance.



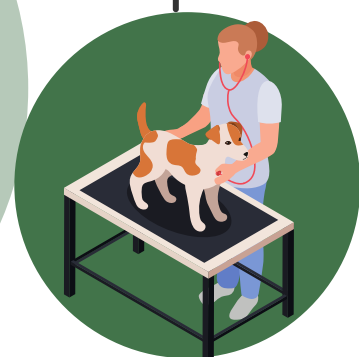
Why do I need to vaccinate my pet?

- It is the law.
- If they bite someone and are **vaccinated** against rabies, they can be quarantined at home instead of an isolation center, at your cost.
- It helps to protect your pet from a deadly disease.



What if my pet bites someone?

- Report the bite to local law enforcement, your local health department, and your vet.
- You must be able to show proof of rabies vaccination
- Your pet will need to be quarantined for 10 days.



What happens during and after quarantine?

- Your animal will be required to be assessed by a vet for signs of rabies three times during quarantine. You will be responsible for the cost of those vet visits.
- If no signs of rabies are noted by the end of quarantine, your animal did not pass rabies to the bite victim and is free to return to normal activity.



Make sure your animal does not bite someone again. **The quarantine process is required after each bite.**

Why is quarantine required?

- **Wisconsin state law** requires a biting animal to be quarantined and monitored for signs of rabies.
- Rabies is a deadly virus transmitted through the saliva of infected animals.



Scan the above code for more details on quarantine.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.douglascountywi.org/911/RabiesAnimal-Bite>



Or contact us:
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