

Quarantine

As used in Chapter 3701-3 of the Administrative Code:

"Quarantine" means the restriction of the movements or activities of a well individual or animal who has been exposed to a communicable disease during the period of communicability of that disease and in such a manner that transmission of the disease may have occurred. The duration of the quarantine ordered shall be equivalent to the usual incubation period of the disease to which the susceptible person or animal was exposed.

What that means for the pet owner of a dog, cat, or ferret:

- 1.) **The Health District's main objective is to make sure the animal appears healthy; we do not plan to take animals away from their owners.**
- 2.) Must be quarantined at the owner's home or animal shelter for at least 10 days and provide proof of vaccination.
- 3.) The animal must be separated from other animals and person(s) who have not been exposed to the quarantined animal.
- 4.) **ANIMAL MUST NOT BE SOLD, MOVED, OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER OWNER DURING QUARANTINE.**
- 5.) If your animal becomes ill or dies during this 10-day period, you must immediately notify Miami County Public Health. If the animal were to die, it must be kept in refrigeration (**DO NOT FREEZE**) so that it can be tested for rabies.
- 6.) After the 10-day period, the animal must be available to be viewed by the Miami County Health District to determine if the animal appears healthy. This can be at the owner's home or at the Health District from the vehicle, whichever is easier.
- 7.) If proof of rabies vaccination is not able to be provided, the animal should receive a rabies vaccine from a licensed professional to be removed from quarantine. If rabies shot is not current, do not vaccinate during the 10-day quarantine period. Once the quarantine period is over, then the animal must be vaccinated to no longer be in quarantine.
- 8.) If at any time during the quarantine, the health commissioner requires your animal to be examined for symptoms of rabies, then the examination shall be by a licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The examination by a licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine shall be at the expense of the owner or individual harboring the animal.
- 9.) If your animal has been bitten by a wild animal that is not available for testing, then we must treat it like it has been exposed to rabies. In the rare circumstance that this occurs and if your animal is not up to date on their rabies vaccination the Health Department has legal authority to determine what to do next for your animal. One option may be to place the animal in isolation for 6 months and have it vaccinated 1 month before being released. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated and have been exposed to a wild animal, that is unable to be observed, are kept under observation for 45 days.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 937-573-3504, or stop into the Environmental Health Office at 510 W Water St., Suite 130, Troy, OH 45373.