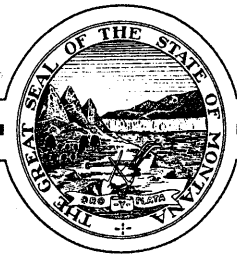


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HELENA OFFICE

RABIES QUARANTINE OF DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS – YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Please find the attached Department of Livestock Order of Quarantine 17268 issued in accordance with the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 32.3.1202 – 32.3.1206. This order quarantines all dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets residing in or being held in Yellowstone County.

Individual dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets that are currently vaccinated against rabies, having been officially vaccinated for a least fourteen (14) days, and accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate, are released from this quarantine and eligible for movement out of YELLOWSTONE County.

Individual dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets that are not currently vaccinated against rabies will be released from quarantine fourteen (14) days following official rabies vaccination.

With prior written approval by the office of the state veterinarian, certain specified non-vaccinated animals may be “conditionally released” from quarantine in order to be transported out of YELLOWSTONE County.

1. Individual dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets that are not vaccination eligible age {less than three (3) months of age};
2. Individual dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets being adopted from public or private animal shelters; and
3. Individual dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets being transported to veterinary facilities or animal shelters.

Official rabies vaccination, as described above, includes the use of those rabies vaccines in dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets as detailed in the enclosed National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians “Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control”. In Montana, the sale of rabies vaccine is restricted to licensed veterinarians. (ARM 32.3.2301).

Please find the enclosed Administrative Rules of Montana pertaining to rabies. The following interpretations are intended to further clarify these rules:

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Animal Health Division
HELENA MT 59620

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ORDER OF QUARANTINE

June 3, 2010

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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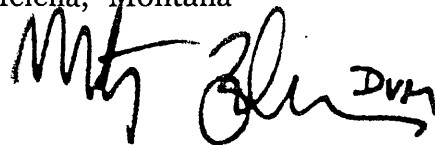
You are hereby notified that dogs, cats and ferrets in YELLOWSTONE County (are - may be) affected with or exposed to Rabies. By authority vested in me by Title 81, Chapters 2 and 20, Montana Codes Annotated, I hereby quarantine all of said animals which are more particularly described as follows:

- (1) All dogs, cats and ferrets in YELLOWSTONE County are to remain in YELLOWSTONE County for a period of not less than sixty (60) days from the date of the last known case of rabies in animals, or as much longer as in the judgment of the Montana State Veterinarian seems reasonable and necessary; provided, however that any dog, cat or ferret in YELLOWSTONE County having been properly immunized against rabies under official supervision may be released from quarantine after a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of vaccination.
- (2) You will receive written notification from the Animal Health Division when this quarantine is released.
- (3) All provisions for isolating rabid or suspected rabid animals, isolation of biting animals, animals bitten by known or suspected rabid animals, handling of stray or ownerless animals, in rabies quarantined areas by the Montana Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division 32.3.1202 through 32.3.1206 are in full force.

Animals should not be removed from this quarantined county until this order is modified or vacated or until removal has been authorized by a representative of the Department of Livestock Animal Health Division.

Issued in accordance with ARM 32.3.1202 - 32.3.1206 at Helena, Montana

This 3rd day of June, 2010.



State Veterinarian