Mobile County Health Department

ANIMAL BITE REPORT
(FILL IN ALL BLANKS AND COMPLETE REPORT IN DETAIL)

Victim ___________________________ Phone _____________ Age _____ DOB ____________

If victim is minor, Parent/Guardian name: _____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________ State _____________ Zip ____________________

Date of incident __________________________

Physician _____________________________ Phone _______________ Facility _________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Date of treatment __________________________________________________________________

List nature and body locations of bite ________________________________________________

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Nature of bite

☐ Animal was provoked
☐ Animal was not provoked
☐ Vicious attack
☐ Accident

List circumstances of bite ______________________________________________________________

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Incident occurred at location address ________________________________________________

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Animal Breed ___________________________ Name_________________ Age _______ Color _________ Sex _____

Owner ____________________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________ Phone _____________________________

City _______________________________________ State _____________ Zip ______________

Was this incident reported to law enforcement? ☐ Yes   Date reported ____________________ ☐ No

Report called in by _________________________________________________________________

Person completing this report ___________________________ Date ___________________

FAX THIS REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS TO (251) 690-8953 MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MAKE SURE ALL BLANKS ARE FILLED IN AND REPORT COMPLETED IN DETAIL

MCHD-RC-001 (Rev. 3/17)
IF THE CALL IS FROM THE BITE VICTIM

- Instruct the victim to seek medical care for the wound
- Tetanus shot should be within 5 years
- Have the physician or nurse complete the MCHD Animal Bite form and FAX to 251.690.8953 within 48 hours
- Call the Rabies Office the next working day at 251.690.8970 or 251.690.8175

IF THE CALL IS FROM THE ANIMAL OWNER

- Instruct the owner that 10 day quarantine is mandatory in the state of Alabama
- The owner has until the next working day to quarantine the animal
- Animals that are unvaccinated or do not have a current vaccine can only be quarantined at a veterinarian's office and the owner will get the animal back on the 10th day
- The animal must be quarantined even if it has been vaccinated
- Call the Rabies Office the next working day at 251.690.8970 or 251.690.8175 with the location of the animal

IF THE CALL IS FROM THE PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL

- Treat the wound and check tetanus status
- Complete the Animal Bite Report form and FAX to 251.690.8953
- It is rare that a rabies treatment must be started immediately and can be started safely on the next business day
- If the biting animal is a wild animal (raccoon, bat, fox, etc.) that has escaped and can't be tested for rabies, treatment may be started as soon as possible

THE MCHD RABIES OFFICE WILL

- Contact the owner of the animal and advise owner to begin quarantine procedures the next business day
- Have the biting animal tested for rabies if it is captured or made available for testing
- Contact the victim or victim's family and discuss follow-up
- Consult with the treating physician and discuss treatment options
- Provide information for physicians to obtain and administer rabies vaccine - the MCHD doesn't keep vaccine on hand, it must be ordered

OTHER INFORMATION

- Rabies treatment will cost approximately $1,200 - $1,500 for an adult
- Law enforcement can be called to file a complaint or obtain an incident report
- If the animal must be killed, DO NOT SHOOT IT IN THE HEAD. Brain tissue is needed to test for rabies - keep animal cold until the next day
- Rabies testing takes about 4 hours and can be done the next business day
- Individuals can submit animal heads to state lab on Museum Drive (near Municipal Park) at no cost, 24 hours a day, drop off at back door of lab, phone number is 251.344.6049
- Squirrels, rabbits, mice, rats, etc. rarely if ever carry rabies - we don't test these animals for rabies nor do we recommend treatment for bite victims