

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 _____

Email _____ Date of incident _____

Physician _____ Phone _____ Facility _____

Address _____

Date of treatment _____ Email _____

List nature and body locations of bite _____

Nature of bite Animal was provoked Vicious attack
 Animal was not provoked Accident

List circumstances of bite _____

Incident occurred at location address _____

Animal Breed _____ Name _____ Age _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Owner _____ Email _____

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**

AFTER HOURS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANIMAL BITES

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