



COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
PHONE: (     )     -  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

## NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO QUARANTINE ANIMAL FOR RABIES OBSERVATION

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. This office has reason to believe that you, \_\_\_\_\_ or members of your family (herein after referred to as Respondent), own or have custody of a certain animal, the actual identity of which is known to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Respondent) (herein after referred to as Witness), which is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Witness) (general description of animal, i.e. cat/dog/ferret) (herein after referred to as Animal).

2. This office has been advised by the Witness that on or about \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm, the Animal did, at or near \_\_\_\_\_, bite a victim (which may or may not be the Witness) on or about the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date) (time) (address/location of bite) (body part/area of bite)

3. Rabies exists throughout Oklahoma. The Animal has the potential to be infected with and transmit rabies virus.

4. Rabies is deadly unless treatment is quickly started. Immunization of bite victims should not begin unnecessarily because of the expense, discomfort and possible side effects. Under certain circumstances, even currently vaccinated dogs and cats have occasional vaccination failures and may be infected with the rabies virus. A licensed veterinarian must immediately quarantine this biting animal for care and observation until **10 days** have elapsed from the time of the bite. Animals not showing signs of rabies within 10 days of a bite are not likely to have been capable of passing the virus when the bite occurred. Public health would thereby not be at risk from rabies.

5. Therefore, in accordance with the OAC 310:599-Zoonotic Disease Control Rules adopted by the State Board of Health under Title 63 O.S. Section 1-508, you are hereby advised of the following responsibility: **IMMEDIATELY CONFINE THE ANIMAL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR ANIMAL SHELTER** until a period of 240 hours (10 calendar days) has elapsed from the time of the bite. Immediately notify the County Health Department listed above of the location where the Animal is confined, or if it dies. If the Animal shows signs of rabies within the period of confinement, the Animal must be euthanized (humanely killed) and submitted for rabies testing in accordance with OSDH laboratory guidelines.

6. If you elect not to pay quarantine charges, you may submit the Animal to a veterinarian or animal shelter for euthanasia and rabies testing. **Please be advised that the owners (or keepers) of the Animal are responsible for payment of the cost of quarantine and for other fees incurred (such as euthanasia and transportation fees) but not for Health Department rabies testing. Failure to comply may subject you to penalties (see 63 O.S. Sections 1-1701 and 1-1701A).**

**SO NOTIFIED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

☐ Respondent is electing euthanasia and testing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of Respondent) (date)

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify, as the County Health Officer (or designee), I delivered a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing notice for

Animal Quarantine in person to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person receiving notice) (address notice delivered)

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of County Health Officer (or designee) Serving the Notice)

Enclosure: OAC 310:599. Zoonotic Disease Control