



BITE INVESTIGATION

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IMPOUND #	FILE #
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VICTIM INFORMATION		Tethered/Chained <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		OWNER INFORMATION	
NAME:		AGE	M/F	NAME:	
ADDRESS:		PHONE #		PHONE #	
LOCATION OF BITE:		DATE OF BITE		BREED:	SIZE:
CIRCUMSTANCES OF BITE:		DATE REPORTED		COLOR:	AGE:
DATE TREATED:		TREATMENT GIVEN:		PLACE OF QUARANTINE:	
PLACE TREATED:				COMMENCED:	
DATE ANIMAL:	DIED:	EUTH:	RELEASED:	DATE RELEASED BY VET:	RELEASING VET:
INVESTIGATED BY:		DATE:		COMMENTS:	

Summary of Title 14 Sec. 212 (Dog and Cat Bite Cases) of the East Baton Rouge Parish Code of Ordinances.

Rabies is a deadly viral disease, fatal if untreated, that is transferred from animals to humans usually in the saliva of an infected biting animal.

A progressive and effective Animal Control program, through licensing, vaccination and leash law ordinances, affords protection to the public and their pets. The Animal Control & Rescue Center is classified as a Public Health & Safety Agency.

To protect all parties involved in bite incidents, the City/Parish government through the Animal Control & Rescue Center, has a standard set of guidelines and procedures to follow.

The following summarizes the procedures as required by the Animal Control Ordinance:

- The breaking of the skin of a human by an animal shall be considered a bite case. (Bite or unvaccinated dog/cat scratch).
- All bite cases must be reported to the Animal Control & Rescue Center, Police or Sheriff's Department within 24 hours after such bite occurs.
- Victims should immediately wash and flush the wound thoroughly with soap and water, and call their physician as soon as possible. Tetanus inoculation status should also be checked. Only attending physician can prescribe treatment.
- Dogs and cats will be held for ten (10) days for rabies observation. The reason for the ten (10) day observation period, is that if the rabies virus was in the saliva at the time of the bite, the dog or cat will die within seven (7) days. The first signs of rabies is a change in personality or behavior. There is no known observation period for other species of animals. Wildlife should be sacrificed and their head sent off for analysis immediately.
- An animal in violation of the ordinance at the time of the bite (at large and/or not licensed and vaccinated) shall be impounded and taken to the Animal Control & Rescue Center. After any applicable fees or fines have been paid at the Animal Control Center (IN CASH ONLY) the owner may then request that the animal be transferred by the Animal Control & Rescue Center to a veterinarian of the owners' choice, for the remainder of the 10 days. Animals held for observation at the Animal Control & Rescue Center are penned individually. They are fed and watered and observed daily for health. Pens are washed and disinfected daily. Penning animals, especially at a shelter, is a stressful situation. Vaccination and health status must be considered by owners, if the animal is left at the Center for the observation period. Transfer to a veterinarian is the owner's choice and is recommended for nursing animals with litters, pregnant females, and previously unvaccinated animals.
- Dogs or cats not in violation at the time of the bite, may be allowed to be held for ten (10) days in-home observation at the discretion of the Animal Control & Rescue Center.
- There is no charge for the 10-day observation period, if the animal was not in violation of the ordinance at the time of the bite and it is left at the Animal Control & Rescue Center for the 10-day period.
- Animal Control Officers may permit an owner or keeper twenty-four (24) hours to produce proof of current license and vaccination against rabies, prior to impoundment.
- Animal Control Officers will not quote fees and fines in the field. Call ACRC office: 774-7700, M-F 10-5.
- Animals that have bitten and have subsequently died must have their heads sent off for rabies examination.
- The day of the bite will be considered day one (1) of the observation period. Eg. Animal bites on the 6th and is released on the 16th.
- Owners should bring proof of licensing and vaccination to the Animal Control & Rescue Center when paying fines/fees. This reduces fees/fines considerably.
- Animals must be examined by a licensed veterinarian at the end of the ten (10) day observation period. **Penalty:** Violation of any provisions of the ordinance upon conviction shall constitute a misdemeanor. Possible fines of up to \$500.00 and/or 180 days imprisonment are at the discretion of the court.

Date _____

Signature of Owner/Keeper: _____

Animal Control Officer: _____