

enforcement of orders of the health department concerning animal bites; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
Section 615C(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

615C.

(a) (1) In any county where any dog, cat or other warm-blooded animal subject to rabies has bitten, scratched, or exposed any person to a possible rabies infection, or when any animal is suspected of having rabies, [it is the duty of] any person having knowledge of these facts [to] SHALL report them immediately by telephone or in person to the local police or sheriff's department.

(2) Upon receipt of this report, the police or sheriff's department personnel shall notify the local health officer or his designee and shall enforce all orders of the local health officer and the public health veterinarian issued pursuant to this subtitle or any other applicable rabies control regulations.

(3) IN FREDERICK COUNTY, ANY PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBSECTION (A) SHALL REPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER OF FREDERICK COUNTY.

(4) UPON IN FREDERICK COUNTY, UPON RECEIPT OF THIS REPORT, THE ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER PERSONNEL SHALL NOTIFY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE AND SHALL ENFORCE ALL ORDERS OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE RABIES CONTROL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 22, 1980.