

"Public health veterinarian" § 18-312

18-316. REPORTS OF POSSIBLE RABIES CASES.

(A) REPORT REQUIRED.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL IMMEDIATELY SHALL REPORT TO THE LOCAL POLICE OR SHERIFF IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(I) KNOWS THAT A DOG, CAT, OR OTHER WARM BLOODED ANIMAL HAS BITTEN, SCRATCHED, OR OTHERWISE EXPOSED AN INDIVIDUAL TO A POSSIBLE RABIES INFECTION; OR

(II) SUSPECTS THAT AN ANIMAL HAS RABIES.

(2) IN FREDERICK COUNTY, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL REPORT TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER OF FREDERICK COUNTY.

(B) DUTIES OF POLICE, SHERIFF, OR ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER.

ON RECEIPT OF A REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE POLICE, SHERIFF, OR ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER STAFF SHALL:

(1) NOTIFY THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE REPORT IS MADE; AND

(2) ENFORCE ALL ORDERS OF THE HEALTH OFFICER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR ANY ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 615C(a) and (c).

In subsection (a) of this section, the former references to the means of reporting are deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former references to "any other applicable rabies control regulations" are deleted as superfluous.

Former Article 43, § 615C(b), which required rabies control measures to conform to rules and regulations of the Secretary, is deleted in light of the broad powers of the Secretary to institute rabies control under § 18-313 of this subtitle.