

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 18-320
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

18-320.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(E)~~ (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN ANIMAL THAT BITES A HUMAN OR OTHERWISE EXPOSES A HUMAN TO RABIES SHALL BE QUARANTINED IN A PLACE AND, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE RESIDENCE OF THE OWNER, IN THE MANNER PROVIDED DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN FOR AT-LEAST-10-DAYS-AFTER-THE-DATE-OF--THE--BITE A SUITABLE PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN, BUT NOT TO EXCEED 30 DAYS.

~~(B) -- IF -- THE -- BITING ANIMAL DOES NOT POSE A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF RABIES INFECTION TO HUMANS -- OR -- ANIMALS, -- THE -- ANIMAL -- MAY -- BE QUARANTINED -- IN -- THE -- RESIDENCE OF ITS OWNER FOR AT LEAST 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE BITE.~~

~~(E)~~ (B) (1) AT ANY TIME DURING THE QUARANTINE PERIOD, THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN OR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER MAY ORDER THE OWNER OF A BITING ANIMAL TO HAVE THE ANIMAL EXAMINED MONITORED FOR RABIES BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.

(2) THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL SHALL PAY FOR THE COST OF ANY EXAMINATION OR OTHER ASSOCIATED COST.

~~(D)~~ (C) AN ANIMAL UNDER QUARANTINE MAY NOT BE MOVED FROM THE PLACE OF QUARANTINE WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OR PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN.

~~(E)~~ (D) THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN OR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER MAY ORDER THE IMMEDIATE AND HUMANE DESTRUCTION OF A BITING ANIMAL FOR RABIES TESTING IF:

(1) IT IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE HUMAN HEALTH;

(2) A LICENSED VETERINARIAN DETERMINES THAT A QUARANTINED ANIMAL IS INHUMANELY SUFFERING; OR

(3) THE ANIMAL IS CONSIDERED WILD AND IS NOT CLAIMED BY AN OWNER WITHIN 24 HOURS.