

Article - Health - General

18-219.

(a) The Secretary may prohibit the importation, selling, trading, purchasing, bartering, breeding, raising, keeping, or possession of any animals found to be dangerous to human health and safety.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) Domestic cats;

(2) Domestic dogs;

(3) DOMESTIC FERRETS;

(4) Animals used for agricultural purposes;

[(4)] (5) Animals used for scientific purposes;

[(5)] (6) Animals used for educational purposes;

[(6)] (7) Animals used for public exhibitions; or

[(7)] (8) Any animal that the Secretary determines is not a threat to human health and safety.

18-318.

(a) Each person who owns or keeps a dog [or], cat [or both], OR FERRET that is 4 months old or older shall have the dog [or], cat, OR FERRET vaccinated adequately against rabies.

(b) (1) A county may not register or license a dog [or], cat, OR FERRET unless the person who owns or keeps the dog [or], cat, OR FERRET submits, with the application for registration or license, proof that the dog [or], cat, OR FERRET has been vaccinated adequately against rabies.

(2) The public health veterinarian shall determine the proof of vaccination that is acceptable.

18-319.

(a) A licensed veterinarian who vaccinates a dog [or], cat, OR FERRET against rabies:

(1) May select the vaccine to be used;

(2) Shall administer the vaccine in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians;

(3) Shall issue to the owner of the dog [or], cat, OR FERRET a vaccination certificate, on the form that the Department approves; and

(4) Shall keep a record of the vaccination for a period of 5 years.