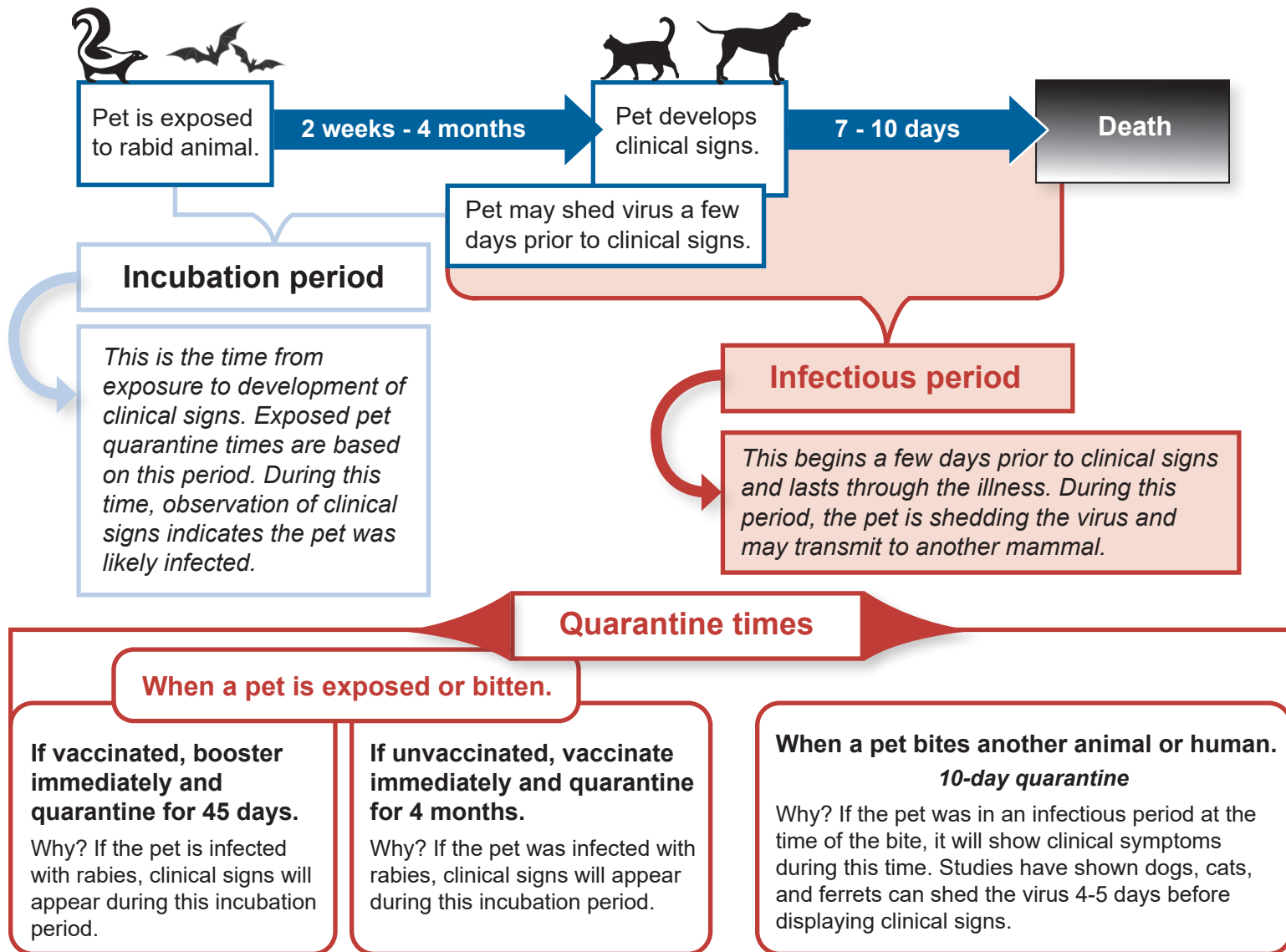


# Rabies Timeline



For veterinary professionals



## FAQs

### What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

*Quarantine* separates and restricts the movement of people or animals who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. *Isolation* separates sick people or animals with a contagious disease from those who are not sick.

### Who can answer questions about my specific case?

The Arkansas Department of Health and your public health veterinarian, Dr. Laura Rothfeldt: Phone: (501) 280-4136; Email: [Laura.Rothfeldt@Arkansas.gov](mailto:Laura.Rothfeldt@Arkansas.gov)

### Where should I direct owners with human health concerns?

If exposed, let the owner know to thoroughly wash the wound with soap and running water, and to gather as much information about the animal as possible. Individuals should then be directed to speak with their physician.

### More questions?

Consult the NASPHV Rabies Compendium: <http://nasphv.org/Documents/NASPHVRabiesCompendium.pdf>



# Management of Animals Exposed to Rabies

Animal Vaccination Status	Animal Type	Recommendation		Updated?	
Currently Vaccinated	Dog, Cat, Ferret, Horse, Cattle, Sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booster (within 96 hours of exposure*)</li> <li>Observe <b>45</b> days</li> </ul>		No	
Overdue for Vaccination	Dog, Cat	With appropriate documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booster (within 96 hours of exposure*)</li> <li>Observe <b>45</b> days</li> </ul>	Yes	
		Without appropriate documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with ADH (required) prior to booster within 96 hours of exposure*</li> <li>- Prospective Serological Monitoring</li> <li>- Animal in quarantine until results available</li> </ul> <b>OR</b>	Proper anamnestic response: Observe <b>45</b> days	Yes
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat as never vaccinated</li> </ul>	<b>4-month</b> quarantine	
	Ferret, Horse, Cattle, Sheep	With appropriate documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case by case basis</li> <li>Consult with ADH</li> </ul>		Yes
		Without appropriate documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Euthanize</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li><b>6 month</b> quarantine</li> </ul>		No
	Never Vaccinated	Dog, Cat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Euthanize</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>Booster (within 96 hours of exposure*)</li> <li><b>4 month</b> quarantine</li> </ul>		Yes
Ferret, Horse, Cattle, Sheep		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Euthanize</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li><b>6 month</b> quarantine</li> </ul>		No	

\*If rabies booster vaccination is given >96 hours after exposure the quarantine may be extended to 4 or 6 months.

**ADH Rabies Program:** Animal bites/rabies risk assessment call line available 24/7 to the public, HCP's, DVM's, public health and law enforcement.

- 501-280-4136 (ADH Zoonotic Disease Section)
- 800-633-1735 (24/7 Emergency Call Center)