

**TITLE 345 INDIANA STATE BOARD OF  
ANIMAL HEALTH**

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**DIGEST**

Amends 345 IAC 1-3-22 to allow a person to move certain dogs and cats into the state with a rabies vaccination administered within three years. Amends 345 IAC 1-5-1 to make clear that an animal vaccinated by a veterinarian licensed in another state is legally vaccinated for rabies in Indiana. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

**345 IAC 1-3-22**

**345 IAC 1-5-1**

SECTION 1. 345 IAC 1-3-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**345 IAC 1-3-22 Rabies vaccination required for dogs, cats, and ferrets**

**Authority:** IC 15-2.1-3-19

**Affected:** IC 15-2.1-3-13; IC 15-2.1-21-6

Sec. 22. (a) **Before a person may move** a dog, cat, or ferret ninety (90) days of age or older **into the state, the animal must have been** vaccinated against rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian **as follows:**

**(1) Ferrets must be vaccinated** within the ~~three hundred sixty-five (365) days immediately preceding~~ **twelve (12) months prior to the animal entering Indiana. But the state.**

**(2) Dogs and cats must be vaccinated within one (1) of the following time frames:**

**(A) Within the twelve (12) months prior to entering the state in the following circumstances:**

**(i) The animal has not previously been vaccinated against rabies.**

**(ii) The animal was previously vaccinated against rabies and the manufacturer of the vaccine used recommends a booster within one (1) year as designated on the rabies vaccine label and package insert.**

**(iii) The animal has, within the last twelve (12) months, been bitten by a wild animal or a domestic animal of unknown rabies status.**

**(B) Within the thirty-six (36) months prior to entering the state if:**

**(i) none of the circumstances in clause (A) apply; and**

**(ii) the animal was previously vaccinated against rabies and the manufacturer of the vaccine used recommends a booster within three (3) years as designated on the rabies vaccine label and package insert.**

**(b) A dog, cat, or ferret imported moved into the state for the immediate delivery to or use by a research and or teaching facilities facility is exempt from the requirements in subsection (a).** The state veterinarian shall determine if animals are exempt under this section.

~~(b)~~ **(c) No one may transport into Indiana the state an animal that has been exposed to a rabid animal within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days immediately preceding twelve (12) months prior to the animal entering Indiana: the state.** (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; Reg 76-1, Title VII, Sec 2; filed Aug 10, 1976, 10:29 a.m.: Rules and Regs. 1977, p. 134; filed Jan 8, 1986, 2:52 p.m.: 9 IR 996; filed Mar 23, 2000, 4:24 p.m.: 23 IR 1913; readopted filed May 2, 2001, 1:45 p.m.: 24 IR 2895; filed Sep 18, 2003, 5:25 p.m.: 27 IR 490*)

SECTION 2. 345 IAC 1-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### 345 IAC 1-5-1 Rabies vaccination

**Authority:** IC 15-2.1-3-19

**Affected:** IC 15-2.1-3-13; IC 15-2.1-6

Sec. 1. (a) For the purpose of administering IC 15-2.1-6 and this rule, an animal is deemed to be vaccinated for rabies only when the following provisions are met:

(1) The animal is vaccinated by a veterinarian that is:

(A) licensed to practice veterinary medicine; ~~in Indiana~~; and

(B) accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture under 9 CFR, Subchapter J.

(2) The vaccine used must be licensed and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. The dosage and administration of the vaccine used must be in accordance with this rule and the manufacturers' specifications described on the vaccine's label and package insert.

(b) The veterinarian performing a rabies vaccination of an animal shall do the following:

(1) Complete a vaccination certificate or computerized record, in triplicate, on each animal being vaccinated for rabies that shall include the following information:

(A) The name and address of the animal's owner.

(B) The species, sex, and age of the animal vaccinated.

(C) The date the animal was vaccinated.

(D) The product name and lot **or serial** number of the vaccine used.

(E) The date the animal must be revaccinated under section 2 of this rule.

(F) The number of the tag issued if a tag is issued under subdivision (3).

(G) The name of the veterinarian completing the vaccination and his or her Indiana veterinary license number.

(2) The rabies vaccination certificate completed under subdivision (1) shall be distributed as follows:

(A) One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be given to the owner or custodian of the animal being vaccinated for rabies.

(B) One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be forwarded to the county health officer or the officer's designated agent upon the county health officer's request, or as the state veterinarian otherwise directs, within thirty (30) days of the vaccination.

(C) One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be retained by the veterinarian vaccinating such animal covering the period of immunization.

(3) A veterinarian that vaccinates a dog, cat, or ferret shall furnish to the owner or custodian of the animal a rabies vaccination identification tag that contains the following:

(A) The veterinarian's or clinic's name and telephone number.

(B) A unique identification number.

(c) The owner or custodian of an animal vaccinated for rabies shall keep a copy of the certificate and tag required to be issued under subsection (b) until such time as the animal must be revaccinated under section 2 of this rule. The board recommends that the owner or custodian of a dog affix the rabies vaccination tag to the collar or harness of the dog and that it be worn at all times. Nothing in this rule shall prevent a local unit of government from requiring that rabies vaccination tags be worn at all times.

(d) Animals that have been vaccinated for rabies are subject to all quarantine provisions that may be imposed by state or local regulations. The final determination of an animal's rabies vaccination status shall be made by the state veterinarian. (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; Reg 57-2, Title 1; filed Jun 4, 1958, 3:30 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1959, p. 284; filed Jan 20, 1988, 4:05 p.m.: 11 IR 1740; filed Oct 23, 1989, 5:00 p.m.: 13 IR 383; filed Jun 14, 1995, 3:30 p.m.: 18 IR 2759; readopted filed May 2, 2001, 1:45 p.m.: 24 IR 2895; filed Oct 1, 2001, 11:10 a.m.: 25 IR 374; filed Sep 18, 2003, 5:25 p.m.: 27 IR 491*) NOTE: Originally adopted by the Indiana State Livestock Sanitary Board. Name changed by Acts 1969, Ch. 81, Sec. 1.

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