

Authority for Rabies Control in North Carolina:

Laws, Codes & Guidance Documents

Laws and Rules:

North Carolina Rabies Laws

(http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/docs/ncgs_rabies.pdf): Part 6 (130A-184 through 130A-199) of the state's Public Health laws, N.C. General Statute Chapter 130A, applies to rabies. The laws are also accessible on the N.C. General Assembly's website (www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_130A.html).

North Carolina Rabies Rules

(http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/docs/ncac_rabies.pdf): The N.C. Administrative Code Communicable Disease Control rules detail how the N.C. General Statutes that apply to rabies are to be carried out. The rules are found in Title 10A Chapter 41, Health and Human Services, Epidemiology Health (<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title 10A - Health and Human Services\Chapter 41 - Epidemiology Health>) on the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings' Administrative Code web site (<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>).

Local ordinances in North Carolina

Local ordinances regarding rabies control, such as leash laws, can be accessed on the Municode web site (www.municode.com/library/clientlisting.aspx?stateID=33).

See also:

An Overview of North Carolina's Rabies Control Laws



(<http://sogpubs.unc.edu/electronicversions/pdfs/lq1b125.pdf>). UNC School of Government, Local Government Law Bulletin No. 125, Oct. 2011.

Other Authoritative Guidance:

North Carolina Law and Code supersede all other guidance documents. When state law and code do not address public health guidance in a particular area, other guidance documents may be used as specified in N.C. Administrative Code Communicable Disease Control rule 10A NCAC 41A.0201, Control Measures – General:

(a) Except as provided in Rules of this Section, the recommendations and guidelines for testing, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up, and prevention of transmission for each disease and condition specified by the American Public Health Association in its publication, Control of Communicable Diseases Manual shall be the required control measures. Control of Communicable Diseases Manual is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions. Guidelines and recommended actions published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall supercede those contained in the Control of Communicable Disease Manual and are likewise incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions.

Prevention of Rabies in People:

- **CDC: Human Rabies Prevention 2008, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**
(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr57e507a1.htm>). The definitive reference and guidance for human rabies prevention, the ACIP recommendations include human and animal rabies epidemiology; vaccine effectiveness/efficacy, immunogenicity, and safety; recommendations for rabies postexposure and pre-exposure prophylaxis; and treatment considerations for human rabies patients.
- **CDC 03/19/2010 MMWR: New Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) - Use of a Reduced (4-Dose) Vaccine Schedule for Postexposure Prophylaxis to Prevent Human Rabies:**
 - [ACIP Recommendations](http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/resources/acip_recommendations.html) 
(www.cdc.gov/rabies/resources/acip_recommendations.html)
 - [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5902a1.htm) 
(www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5902a1.htm)

Prevention of Rabies in Animals:

- **National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV): Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control**
(http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6006a1.htm?s_cid=rr6006a1_w), published in CDC 11/4/2011 MMWR. The Compendium provides recommendations for public health officials, veterinarians, animal control officials, and others engaged in rabies prevention and control activities. The recommendations include domestic animal vaccination, management of animals exposed to rabies, and management of animals that bite humans – the core elements of animal rabies control and human rabies prevention.