RABIES MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS BITTEN BY OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

(Dogs, Cats or Ferrets)

Status of Attacker	If Victim is Currently Vaccinated	If Victim is Not Currently Vaccinated
NOT CURRENTLY VACCINATED OR UNKNOWN VACCINATION HISTORY OR UNAVAILABLE FOR QUARANTINE	 Veterinarian¹ boosters victim immediately² Pet owner¹ notifies local or state animal control officers (ACOs) ACO¹ issues quarantine of attacker for 14 days to determine rabies risk If quarantined attacker develops rabies: a. Veterinarian notifies local or state ACO and state veterinarian b. ACO issues strict confinement to pet owner of victim for 45 days If attacker unavailable for quarantine: a. Veterinarian should advise close observation of the victim by pet owner for 45 days 	 Veterinarian¹ vaccinates victim immediately² Pet owner¹ notifies local or state animal control officers (ACOs) ACO¹ issues quarantine of attacker for 14 days to determine rabies risk If quarantined attacker develops rabies: a. Veterinarian euthanizes victim b. If pet owner unwilling:
CURRENTLY VACCINATED	No action necessary	Vaccinate victim immediately

¹ For more information on the roles and responsibilities of pet owners, ACOs and veterinarians, see the <u>Rabies Information Brochure</u> and / or the <u>Connecticut Rabies Manual</u>.

- ✓ The State Veterinarian must be notified of any domestic animals suspected of having rabies.
- ✓ Always wear gloves when handling saliva contaminated wounds or fur.

DEFINITIONS:

Strict Confinement

- a) Animal may be kept at home in the house, garage or some other escape proof building or enclosure approved by the ACO.
- b) May be leash walked under immediate control of an adult within the confines of the premises only.
- c) Animal may not be allowed contact with other animals or humans other than the designated caretaker.
- d) Owner is informed of potential rabies and given copies of Rabies Advisory notice and strict confinement instructions.
- e) Animal is observed daily and owner is required to immediately notify the ACO or veterinarian of any unusual behavior or change in the health status of the animal.
- f) Owner is not allowed to sell, give away, kill or otherwise dispose of the animal during the confinement period without the permission of the State Veterinarian.
- g) In the event the animal escapes or dies the owner must immediately notify the ACO.

Close Observation

- a) Animal may be kept at home.
- b) Owner informed of potential rabies and given copy of Rabies Advisory notice.
- c) Owner required to immediately notify veterinarian or ACO of unusual behavior or change in health status of pet.

Quarantine

- a) Animal to be confined off owner's premises in a state approved facility, i.e. dog pound, veterinary hospital or commercial kennel.
- b) Isolate animal from human and animal contact.

² If most recent rabies vaccination was administered within 1 month, it is not necessary to re-vaccinate.