

the collar of the dog. The treasurer shall endorse the number of the duplicate and the date issued on the face of the original license receipt. The fee for a duplicate tag shall be established by resolution adopted by the board of supervisors.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6532.*

**Sec. 4-10. Concealing or harboring unlicensed dog.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal or harbor any dog upon which the license tax imposed by this article has not been paid.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6587.*

**ARTICLE V.  
RABIES CONTROL**

*State Law References: Authority of county to adopt ordinances to prevent spread of rabies, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6521, 3.2-6525, 3.2-6526, 3.2-6543.*

**Sec. 5-1. Vaccination or inoculation of dogs and domesticated cats.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or hold or harbor any dog or domesticated cat over the age of four (4) months within the county, unless such dog or cat shall have a current rabies vaccination administered by a currently licensed veterinarian. The vaccine used shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture for use in that species.

(b) Any person transporting a dog or cat into the county from some other jurisdiction shall conform with this section within thirty (30) days.

(c) At the time of vaccination or inoculation, as required by this section, a suitable and distinctive rabies tag and a certificate of vaccination or inoculation, properly executed and signed by a licensed veterinarian, shall be issued for such dog or cat.

(d) The certificate issued pursuant to subsection (c) above shall certify that the dog or cat in question has been vaccinated or inoculated in accordance with this section. Such certificate shall show the date of vaccination or inoculation, the rabies tag number, the date of required immunization, a brief description of the dog or cat, its age, sex and primary breed, whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered, the name and address of the owner, and the locality in which the animal resides.

(e) A certificate issued under this section shall be carefully preserved by the owner of the dog or cat and exhibited promptly on request for inspection by the animal control officer or any other law-enforcement officer.

(f) The veterinarian shall forward a copy of the certificate, issued under this section, or the relevant information contained in the certificate, to the county treasurer within 45 days of such vaccination. The veterinarian shall also retain a copy of the certificate.

**Sec. 5-2. Emergency declaration of quarantine.**

When there is sufficient reason to believe that a rabid animal is at large, the board of supervisors may pass an emergency ordinance which shall become effective immediately upon passage, requiring owners of all dogs and cats therein to keep the same confined on their premises unless leashed under restraint of the owner in such a manner that persons or animals will not be subject to the danger of being bitten by the rabid animal. Such ordinance shall be operative up to thirty (30) days unless renewed by the governing body.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-3. Procedure when dog or domesticated cat exposes person to rabies.**

(a) The owner of a dog or domesticated cat which has exposed a person to rabies through a bite, or through saliva or central nervous system tissue, in a fresh open wound or mucous membrane, or any person having knowledge of any dog or domesticated cat which has so exposed a person to rabies shall immediately notify the animal control officer, the sheriff's department, or the director of the health department. The animal control officer or director of the health department shall immediately examine such animal, and in his discretion:

- (1) Confine the dog or cat in a strong enclosure on the owner's premises, and isolated from all other animals and persons, for a period of ten (10) days, unless the dog or cat develops active symptoms of rabies; or
- (2) Impound or board the dog or cat, at the owner's expense, with a licensed kennel or veterinarian hospital, for a period of ten (10) days, unless the dog or cat develops active symptoms of rabies; or
- (3) Impound the dog or cat in the county animal pound, at the owner's expense, for a period of ten (10) days, unless the dog or cat develops active symptoms of rabies; or
- (4) Confine the dog or cat under competent observation for ten (10) days, unless the animal develops active symptoms of rabies or expires before that time.

(b) At the end of the period of confinement under this section, if the dog or cat has not developed active symptoms of rabies, it may be released to its owner. If the dog or cat was confined at the animal pound, the owner shall pay the impoundment fee, transport fee and daily charges authorized by this ordinance. If the dog or cat was confined in a kennel or veterinarian hospital, the owner shall pay the standard boarding fee charged by such kennel or hospital. Should a dog or cat confined under this section die prior to

expiration of the ten-day confinement period, the owner shall still be required to pay confinement costs to the date of death of the dog or cat.

(c) Any dog or cat confined under this section and not claimed by its owner as herein provided for may be disposed of as provided in section 2-3.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-4. Procedure when animal other than a dog or domesticated cat exposes person or another animal other than a dog or cat to rabies.**

(a) When any potentially rabid animal, other than a dog or cat, exposes or may have exposed a person to rabies through a bite, or through saliva or central nervous system tissue, in a fresh open wound or mucous membrane, that animal shall be confined at the discretion of the animal control officer or director of the health department in a manner approved by the state health department or humanely euthanized. The head of a euthanized animal shall be kept and evaluated by the health department, or sent to the division of consolidated laboratory services of the Virginia Department of General Services for evaluation.

(b) When any animal, other than a dog or cat, believed to be afflicted with rabies, exposes another animal, other than a dog or cat, to rabies through a bite or through saliva or central nervous system tissue, in a fresh open wound or mucous membrane, that newly exposed animal shall be confined at the discretion of the animal control officer or health director in a manner approved by the health department or humanely euthanized.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-5. Report of existence of rabid animal.**

Every person having knowledge of the existence of an animal apparently afflicted with rabies shall report immediately to the animal control officer or the county health department the existence of such animal, the place where seen, the owner's name, if known, and the symptoms suggesting rabies.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-6. Confinement or destruction of dogs or cats showing signs of or suspected of having rabies.**

Any dog or cat found within the county showing active signs of rabies or suspected of having rabies shall be forthwith taken into custody by the animal control officer or other officer and confined under competent observation for such time as may be necessary to determine a diagnosis. If confinement is impossible or impracticable, such dog or cat shall be euthanized by one of the methods approved by the state veterinarian as provided

by the § 3.2-6546 of the Code of Virginia, and the head shall be delivered to the health department for examination.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-7. Destruction or confinement of dog or cat exposed to rabies.**

(a) Any dog or cat for which no proof of current rabies vaccination is available and which is exposed to rabies through a bite, or through saliva or central nervous system tissue, in a fresh open wound or mucous membrane by an animal believed to be affected with rabies shall be confined in a pound, kennel or enclosure approved by the health department for a period not to exceed six (6) months, at the expense of the owner of such dog or cat; however, if this is not feasible, the dog or cat shall be euthanized. A rabies vaccination shall be administered four (4) weeks prior to release from confinement. Inactivated rabies vaccine may be administered at the beginning of confinement.

(b) Any dog or cat which has proof of a valid rabies vaccination, and which has been bitten or exposed to rabies through saliva or central nervous system tissue, in a fresh open wound or mucous membrane, shall be revaccinated immediately and confined to the premises of its owner or other site as may be approved by the health department, for a period of forty-five (45) days.

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6522.*

**Sec. 5-8. Concealing animal to prevent its destruction or confinement under article.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal any dog or other animal to keep the same from being destroyed or confined in accordance with this article.

(b) A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**Sec. 5-9. Penalty for violation of quarantine.**

Any person who has been directed by the animal control officer, the health director, or both to confine any animal in accordance with the provisions of this article to prevent the potential spread of rabies, and who disobeys that direction in any particular, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**ARTICLE VI.  
HYBRID CANINES**

*State Law References: Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6582, 3.2-6583, 3.2-6584.*

**Sec. 6-1. Definitions.**