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## **Rabies Confinement Periods for Domestic Animals**

### ***Per the Illinois Animal Control Act***

<b>Situation</b>	<b>Confinement Period</b>
Low risk dog, cat, or ferret bites a person	10 days - no animal testing needed if animal survives 10 day period*
Vaccinated dog, cat, or ferret is exposed to a suspected rabid (i.e. animal unavailable for testing) or known rabid animal	30 days - revaccinate immediately
Unvaccinated dog, cat, or ferret is exposed to suspect rabid or known rabid animal	6 months - revaccinate immediately AND at the end of the 5 <sup>th</sup> month

Reviewed and approved by Dr. Mark Ernst from the IL Dept. of Agriculture on 4/25/2014

\*Per Connie Austin: Animal should not be vaccinated if being confined for the 10 day period, since the animal could have a reaction that might look abnormal enough to resemble rabies. The animal would then have to be euthanized and tested.