



## KNOW THE FACTS

### Quarantine for Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

*Any dog, cat or ferret involved in an animal bite incident is required by Ohio law to be quarantined for at least 10 days after the animal bite occurred.*

#### **Why does my animal need to be quarantined?**

Any animal involved in an animal bite incident is required by Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-1-29 to be quarantined for at least 10 days after the animal bite occurred.

#### **Why is quarantining my animal important?**

Rabies is an infectious, viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. There is no treatment for rabies after symptoms of the disease appear. Quarantine limits the animal's contact with other animals and people, reducing exposure if the animal involved does have rabies. Quarantine also allows veterinarians and health officials to observe the animal for any signs or symptoms associated with the rabies virus.

#### **How do I quarantine my animal?**

The dog, cat or ferret must be kept under control of the owner in the house, a pen, or on a leash so that it cannot come in contact with any other humans or animals. Until the animal is released from quarantine, an owner cannot: Give the animal away, kill the animal or relocate the animal outside of Morrow County.

#### **How is the animal released from quarantine?**

After the 10 day quarantine period has expired, a veterinarian must examine the animal, confirm that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies, and sign the Animal Bite Investigation Form. A signed Animal Bite Investigation Form must be returned to our office to officially close the animal bite investigation, so that the dog, cat or ferret can be released from quarantine.

#### **What if the animal becomes aggressive, attacks, loses muscular control, exhibits unusual salivation or dies during the quarantine period?**

Contact our office and your veterinarian immediately. If the animal must be taken to the Morrow County Dog Shelter or Humane Society of Morrow County, you must notify them that the animal is under quarantine by the Morrow County Board of Health.

