

# Quarantine

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To help protect the health and well being of both our people and pet communities, Lane County Animal Services exercises its authority to require animal quarantines. This is a safe and effective way to reduce the spread of infectious diseases such as rabies.

## What Do I Need to Know About Animal Quarantine?

First – don't panic. This is a necessary and effective step for helping us reduce potential outbreaks among local pet populations. If you or your residence receives a letter stating your dog is suspected to have been infected with rabies you will be required to immediately quarantine your dog for 10 days.

Quarantined dogs must be confined at your residence in a manner that prevents contact with any other animal or person. Or, for a fee, you may place your pet in a local veterinary hospital or in one of our kennels for the duration of the quarantine.



(See further information on back)



*Remember to Love, License and Spay/Neuter Your Pet!*



## Why My Dog?

If a doctor, veterinarian, hospital employee or community member reports a dog bite, we must take preventative action to ensure safety. This means any dog that has reportedly bitten someone will be suspected of infection and undergo quarantine.

## What Should I look For?

Watch for behavior changes in your pet. Rabid animals may become aggressive, combative, and sensitive to touch or other stimulation. Some animals infected with rabies become lethargic, weak in one or more limbs, and unable to raise their head or make sounds.

## What if it is Rabies?

No matter where the wound, the first and most valuable preventive measure is thorough cleaning of the site with soap and water, and immediate medical attention.

If rabies vaccine treatment is called for, it should be started as soon as possible after exposure. Counting the first day of vaccine treatment as day 0, injections are administered on days 0, 3, 7, 14, and 28.

Even with prompt medical attention, if a dog exhibits symptoms of rabies while it is under quarantine it may be ordered to be destroyed to restrict the possibility of spreading this infectious disease. Additionally, any animal that has been bitten by a dog proven to be rabid may be destroyed.

## Want to know more?

Please call us at 682-3746.