Rabies Protocol for Zoo/Exotic Animals Which Have Bitten People or Pets

Stabilize victim/Call 911 if necessary

A) Contact Zoo Veterinarian/Head Curator/Director:
   Phone: ____________________________
B) Fill out facility incident report
C) Provide Rabies fact sheet to victim

Send victim to receive medical attention

Victim is volunteer/public

Contact Local Health Department and report:
• Where bite occurred
• Victim name/date of birth/address/contact number
• Species of animal involved
• Circumstances of the bite

Local Health Department:
_________________(weekday)
_________________(after hours)

Victim is zoo employee

Contact local hospital or Occupational health office:
________________(phone)

Contact Animal Control:
________________(phone)

Wildlife
Carnivore: euthanize and submit for rabies testing
Other: immediate quarantine pending instruction

Zoo animal
Institute immediate quarantine until instructed to do otherwise

For additional information:
MDCH (517) 335-8165 (weekday) / (517) 335-9030 (after hours)
MDA (517) 373-1077 (weekday) / (517) 373-0440 (after hours)

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