

RABIES PROTOCOL FOR ZOO/EXOTIC ANIMALS

WHICH HAVE BITTEN PEOPLE OR PETS



Refer person to physician
or local health department

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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