

Miami County Health Department

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SOP for biting animals:

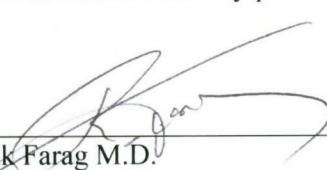
The animal bite forms must be completely filled out and brought to the MCHD office in person or by fax within 48 hours from the time of the bite. If the victim is going to a hospital or doctor the medical treatment facility will usually complete this step.

Notify the MCHD that the animal is in quarantine, indicating the location of the quarantined animal. If the animal is suspected of being rabid it will need to be euthanized and tested for rabies. Take the animal to the MCHD designated location to be prepared and shipped to the Indiana State Department of Health laboratory.

The owner shall be given quarantine guidelines which shall be followed or animal control shall quarantine the animal. The MCHD shall be notified of the animal's health after the 10 day quarantine. Then the animal may be released to the owner or euthanized. Animals shall not be vaccinated during the quarantine period.

Follow up on all unvaccinated animals that have bitten and notify the MCHD when they have been vaccinated.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-3-4 (a) (9) animal bite forms will only be released to the victim, their guardian, or owner of the dog after providing proof of identification. Animal bite forms may be released to animal control. Any form received indicating the bite occurred in another county will be forwarded to that county. Any other interested party will need to submit a request in writing which will be reviewed by the Board of Health Attorney prior to release.



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