

Alabama Department of Public Health

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM RABIES VACCINE

Name of Owner (Print)		Telephone Number
Street Address	City, State, Zip	
Animal Name	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Neutered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Species	Age	Weight
Breed	Color(s)	
<p>The animal described above has been examined by me on: _____ and I have determined that vaccinating this animal would be medically contraindicated and may cause death due to an infirmity, other physical condition, or regimen of therapy.</p> <p>Describe nature and duration of infirmity, other physical condition, or regimen of therapy:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
<p>PLEASE NOTE: A reluctance to administer a rabies vaccine prior to the expiration of the previous vaccination will not be accepted as a valid reason for an exemption because it has not been associated with an increased occurrence of adverse reactions and is not medically contraindicated.</p>		

Name of Veterinarian (Print)	License Number	Phone Number
Address		Email
Signature of Veterinarian		Date
This Certificate is valid until _____ (not to exceed one year from date signed).		
<p>By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above. I have been informed that this animal is exempt from rabies vaccination for a period of up to one year. I have also been informed of the following important information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This animal must be re-examined by the expiration date listed above. At the time the animal must either be vaccinated against rabies or, if exemption status still applies, a new certificate must be issued. • Once the duration of immunity from the last rabies vaccination has lapsed, this animal is not protected against rabies and, as a result, is at increased risk of becoming infected if exposed to a rabid animal. • It is recommended that the animal be closely observed when outside, walked on a leash and not allowed to run at large. Prevent the animal from coming into contact with suspect rabid animals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, groundhogs, bats and free-roaming cats. • Exemption from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from other laws related to rabies. If this animal is exposed or suspected to be exposed to rabies (e.g., due to a bite or exposure from a rabid or suspect rabid animal), the Health Officer will require it to be euthanized or quarantined for six months. If this animal potentially exposes a person to rabies (by bite or other means), it must be quarantined for 10 days and in a manner prescribed by the Health Officer 		
Signature		Date

A copy of this certificate must be provided to the owner of the animal listed above and kept as proof of exemption. A copy of this certificate shall be maintained by the veterinarian for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

A copy of this certificate shall be provided to the Department of Public Health within (7) days of issuance.