

- **Sec. 14-85. - Confinement of animal biting person or suspected of having rabies.**

(a)

When any dog or cat or other animal subject to rabies has bitten or attacked any person, or when there is substantial reason to believe that any dog, cat, or other animal has rabies, it shall be the duty of any person having knowledge of these facts to report them immediately to the animal control department. The report may be made at the animal control department or the city police department. The animal shall not be killed, but shall be confined in such a way and for such a period of time as the animal control department shall direct. No person shall release the animal from confinement, or remove the animal from its place of confinement to another place, without the consent of the animal control department. The confinement of the animal shall be at the expense of the owner or custodian of the animal. The animal control officer shall be empowered to use his discretion to order impoundment for a period of ten days, or other period dictated by the state for the purpose of determining if it may have rabies. No person shall refuse to surrender any animal for quarantine when demand is made by the order of an animal control or police officer. If the animal dies or is killed, an appropriate laboratory examination of the head shall be made to determine if the animal was rabid.

(b)

If the owner of an animal which has bitten a person has proof of current rabies inoculations, the animal may be left in the charge of the owner, under quarantine, for a period of ten days, unless, in the judgment of the animal control or police officer, and based upon considerations of public safety, the animal control or police officer determines the animal should be removed to an animal shelter or veterinary hospital for the period of observation.

(Ord. No. 4025, 6-17-2008)

- **Secs. 14-86—14-100. - Reserved.**

- **DIVISION 2. - QUARANTINE**

- **Sec. 14-101. - Report of danger of rabies; proclamation of quarantine.**

(a)

Whenever the director finds that there is danger that rabies exists or may be introduced in the city, it shall be his duty to report such danger to the common council.

(b)

Whenever the danger of rabies is reported and the director, in his discretion, believes it necessary to prevent the spread thereof, he shall, in order to protect human life and safety, proclaim quarantine on dogs, cats, and other animals for all or any portion of the city. The quarantine may be proclaimed for such length of time as the director in his discretion may deem reasonably necessary. When a dog and cat quarantine is proclaimed, notice thereof shall be given to the public by posting or otherwise.

(Ord. No. 4025, 6-17-2008)

- **Sec. 14-102. - Duties of dog and cat owners during quarantine.**

Whenever a quarantine on dogs, cats, or other animals is proclaimed, it shall be the duty of all persons owning, harboring or possessing a dog, cat, or other animal for which a quarantine order has been issued, within the areas so quarantined, to keep the dog, cat, or other animal tied, securely confined, restrained, or on leash with a responsible person at all times during the quarantine period. For purposes of this section, the word "harboring" shall be construed to include persons who feed or befriend a stray or abandoned dog, cat, or other animal. During the existence of the quarantine, no animal shall be taken or shipped from its residence without the consent of the animal control department.

(Ord. No. 4025, 6-17-2008)

- **Sec. 14-103. - Impoundment or destruction of dogs and cats at large during quarantine.**

Whenever quarantine on dogs, cats, or other animals is proclaimed, any animal subject to the quarantine found running loose within the quarantined area and during the quarantine period shall be subject to impounding, destruction or other disposition.