

Rabies Inoculations

RABIES INOCULATIONS OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Section 3 P.S. Paragraph 455.8 Vaccination required; Certificate and Tag

(a) Requirement: Every person living in this Commonwealth, owning or keeping a dog or cat over the age of three months, shall cause that dog or cat to be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies vaccine shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under his supervision. The Commonwealth shall recognize the three year rabies vaccine as the vaccine to be used. Those animals vaccinated after one year of age shall get booster vaccinations, every three years thereafter. Those animals vaccinated prior to one year of age will be considered protected for only one year and shall receive a booster vaccination one year later, on the anniversary date of the original vaccination and shall be vaccinated every three years thereafter.

Please note: There is no mention of whether the cat or dog is kept inside or is permitted to go outside. The only exception is for animals, under the age of three months. All other cats and dogs **MUST** be immunized against rabies in this Commonwealth.

Further note: Montgomery County Health Department will not recognize a “blood titer” indicating the presence of rabies vaccine, as proof that an animal is adequately protected against the rabies virus. They still require that all cats, dogs, and ferrets receive a rabies inoculation, at least once every three years.