

Animal Bite Injuries to Personnel



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER

Information for Clients

You are receiving this information because your pet has bitten someone while they were receiving care. Although we do all we can to avoid these situations, due to the nature of our work here, this is something that can and does occur.

In order to comply with Minnesota state statutes and to ensure the safety of our staff and the community, we ask that you adhere to these guidelines:

- **If your pet is NOT showing clinical signs consistent with rabies, in the judgement of the veterinarian, your pet must be quarantined in your home for 10 days. If your pet leaves the home, he/she must be on a leash and may not leave your yard.**
- **If your pet is showing clinical signs that could be consistent with rabies, in the judgement of the veterinarian, your pet must be quarantined in the hospital for 10 days. A hospital quarantine stay is at the owner's expense.**
- **If your pet passes away or is euthanized during the 10 day quarantine period, your pet must be submitted for rabies testing according to state law. The VMC or your local veterinarian can provide information to assist with this process should it be necessary.**
- **If your pet is not scheduled to receive follow-up care at the VMC after the quarantine period, we will contact you to ensure your pet is still in good health.**

Please contact the VMC with any questions.

612-626-VETS (8387)