

State	Citation	Who May Administer the Vaccination	Specified Exemptions	Frequency of Vaccinations
<b>Alabama</b>	Code of Ala. § 3-7A-2 Alabama Administrative Code 420-4-4-.08	Rabies officer, his authorized representative, or any duly licensed veterinarian	With consent of owner a veterinarian may exempt an animal if medically necessary	Dogs, cats and ferrets at the age of three months and subsequently in accordance with the label of the vaccine used
<b>Alaska</b>	7 Alaska Admin. Code 27.022	By or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; Lay vaccinator qualified to administer the vaccine and approved by the Department		Dogs, cats and ferrets in accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Arizona</b>	A.A.C. § R3-2-409	Not specified		In accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Arkansas</b>	Arkansas Code Title 20 Public Health and Welfare §20-19-302  Code of Arkansas Rules and Regulations 007 00 CARR 025	Licensed veterinarian or agent of the Department of Health		Initial vaccination for dogs and cats at 4 months and older. Revaccinations during the twelfth (12) month after initial vaccination. Thereafter, the interval between revaccinations should conform to the Compendium of Animal Rabies

				and Control
<b>California</b>	17 CCR 2606.4  Cal Health & Safety Code § 121690	Licensed veterinarians	An exemption may apply if a licensed veterinarian determines, on an annual basis, that a rabies vaccination would endanger the dog's life due to disease or other considerations that the veterinarian can verify and document	Dogs must be vaccinated at three months and revaccinated in accordance with the type of vaccine used
<b>Colorado</b>	C.R.S. 25-4- 607  6 CCR 1009-1, Regulation 8	Licensed veterinarians	A veterinarian with owner consent may exempt an animal from a rabies vaccination if the rabies inoculation is contraindicated due to the animal's medical condition	Dogs, cats and ferrets in accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Connecticut</b>	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22- 339b	Licensed veterinarians	When a licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and determined that a rabies vaccination would endanger the animal's life due to disease or other medical considerations	Dogs and cats 3 months of age or older. Animals vaccinated prior to one year of age must receive a booster vaccination one year after the initial vaccination. Animals shall then be vaccinated every 3 years thereafter

<b>Delaware</b>	3 Del. C. § 8204	Veterinarians		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 6 months of age and subsequently according to the label on the vaccine used
<b>District of Columbia</b>	CDCR 24-901 D.C. Code § 8-1803	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs at 3 months of age. Cats at 4 months of age. Dogs must be revaccinated annually
<b>Florida</b>	Fla. Stat. § 828.30	Licensed veterinarians	If a licensed veterinarian has determined that vaccination would endanger the animal's health because of its age, infirmity, disability, illness or other medical consideration, the animal may be exempt from vaccination requirements	Dogs, cats and ferrets at 4 months of age with a booster shot 12 months later. Thereafter the intervals between vaccinations must comply with the label of the vaccine used
<b>Georgia</b>	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 40-13-2-.18 O.C.G.A. § 43-50-3 O.C.G.A. § 31-19-5	Licensed veterinarians		It is up to the county boards of health to promulgate rules regarding rabies vaccinations. For dogs, cats and ferrets being imported into the state, they must be vaccinated at 12 weeks in accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and

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<b>Hawaii</b>	Code of Hawaii Rules § 4-29-8	No specific provision found		All dogs and cats 90 days or older entering the state must be vaccinated
<b>Idaho</b>	Idaho Code Annotated §25-2801 & §25-2803	Under the direct supervision of a veterinarian according to Idaho Rabies Control Protocol and subject to county license requirements		Dogs, cats and ferrets older than 3 months with booster one year later and then according to the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Illinois</b>	Illinois Statutes Chapter 510/8  8 Illinois Administrative Code §30.90	Licensed veterinarians	An animal is exempt from vaccination requirements if a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a rabies inoculation would compromise the animal's health	Dogs at 4 months with a booster shot 12 months later. Subsequent vaccine administration and duration of immunity must be in compliance with USDA licenses of vaccines used
<b>Indiana</b>	Indiana Administrative Code 345 IAC 1-5-1	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 3 months of age. Ferrets must be revaccinated annually and dogs and cats must be revaccinated in accordance with the label on the vaccine used
<b>Iowa</b>	Iowa Annotated Statutes §351.33	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs at 6 months of age. Revaccination according to the

	§351.35 and Iowa Administrative Code §21-64.25			Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Kansas</b>	Kansas Statutes §21-1213	Licensed veterinarians and those acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Not found
<b>Kentucky</b>	Kentucky Statutes Title XXI §258.015 and Kentucky Administrative Regulations 902 KAR 2:070	Licensed veterinarians in accordance with the manufacturers instructions		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 4 months and revaccinated 1 year after the initial vaccination. Thereafter dependent upon the type of vaccine administered. as certified by the veterinarian
<b>Louisiana</b>	Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 Part III §103	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 3 months. Revaccination 12 months later and subsequently in accordance with the vaccination used
<b>Maine</b>	Maine Statutes Title 7 §3916 and Code of Maine Rules 1-144-260	Licensed veterinarian or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian	Dogs and cats may be exempt from vaccination requirements if a medical reason exists and an owner has a written statement signed	Cats at 3 months, dogs at 6 months. Cats must be revaccinated one year after the initial vaccination and then according to the type of vaccine used.

			by a licensed veterinarian.	Dogs must be revaccinated according to the type of vaccine used
<b>Maryland</b>	Code of Maryland §18-318, §18-319	Licensed veterinarians or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 4 months. They must be revaccinated according to the label on the vaccine used
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Annotated Laws of Mass. Ch. 140, § 145B Code of Mass. Regs. 330 CMR 10.02 & 105 CMR 330.100	Licensed veterinarians or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs and cats at 6 months. Revaccination between 9 and 12 months from the initial vaccination and then subsequently according to the vaccine used
<b>Michigan</b>	Mich. Compiled Laws §287.266 and §287.892	No specific law found		First vaccination for dogs by 4 months of age. Ferrets at 12 weeks of age
<b>Minnesota</b>	Minnesota Administrative Code 1705.1145	Licensed veterinarians or under the supervision of a veterinarian		Revaccination in accordance with the vaccine used
<b>Mississippi</b>	Mississippi Code §41-53-1,5	Licensed veterinarians or other competent person granted a permit to administer vaccine by the state board of health		Dogs and cats at 3 months and thereafter as required by the State Board of Health
<b>Missouri</b>	Missouri	Licensed		No specific law

	Statutes §322.090  Missouri Code 20 CSR 2270-4.031	veterinarians		found
<b>Montana</b>	Administrative Rules of Montana §32.3.213	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs and cats entering the state must be vaccinated by 3 months
<b>Nebraska</b>	Nebraska Statues §71-4402 Nebraska Administrative Code 180-004.04	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs and cats at 3 months of age with a booster shot one year later and then revaccinated every three years
<b>Nevada</b>	Nevada Revised Statutes § 441A.410 Nevada Administrative Code §441A.435, §441A.430	Not specified	A licensed veterinarian may exempt a dog, cat or ferret from vaccination for health reasons	Dogs and cats every 3 years, ferrets annually
<b>New Hampshire</b>	New Hampshire Statutes §436:99, §436:100  New Hampshire Admin Rules §2112.02	Licensed veterinarian	A rabies immunization exemption may be issued, where illness or a veterinary medical condition warrants, by the local rabies control authority upon the written recommendation of a licensed veterinarian	Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 3 months of age with a booster shot between 9 and 12 months after the initial vaccination. Subsequent boosters as outlined in the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey Statutes §4:19-	Licensed veterinarians	Municipal dog licensing	Dogs and cats 3 months of age or

	15.2a Administrative Code §8:23A-4.1		officials shall grant an exemption for any dog that a veterinarian certifies in writing to be incapable of being inoculated because of infirmity, other physical condition, or regimen of therapy	older receiving their first known immunization have a 1 year duration of immunity. Animals between 3 and 6 months of age receiving a second or subsequent booster have a 1 year duration of immunity. Animals 6 months or older receiving 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster – 1 or 3 years immunity depending on the vaccine used
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico Statutes §77-1-3 Administrative Code § 7.4.2.8	By or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs and cats over 3 months and booster within 1 year of first vaccination. Annually or triennially thereafter depending upon vaccine used
<b>New York</b>	New York Consolidated Laws Public Health §2141, §2146* and Agr & M §109  *excludes New York City	Not specified	Vaccination requirements do not apply to dogs, cats and ferrets for which vaccination against rabies would adversely affect the animal's health, as determined by a licensed veterinarian	Dogs, cats and ferrets at 4 months of age with a second vaccination within one year of the first. Subsequent vaccination in accordance with the vaccine used
<b>North</b>	North Carolina	Licensed		Dogs, cats and



<b>Carolina</b>	General Statutes §130A-185  North Carolina Administrative Code §41G.0101	veterinarian  Registered veterinary technician under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian  Certified rabies vaccinator		ferrets at 4 months of age. Revaccination for dogs and cats one year later and then annually or triennially depending on the type of vaccine used  When rabies vaccine is administered by a certified rabies vaccinator to a dog or cat, the dog or cat shall be re-vaccinated annually
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota Century Code §23-36-01	No specific law found		In accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma Statutes §1-508  Oklahoma Administrative Code §310:599-3-9.1, and §775:10-7-9.1	Licensed veterinarian Registered veterinary technician under the general supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 4 months and at regular intervals thereafter according to the vaccine used
<b>Oregon</b>	Oregon Revised Statutes §433.365  Oregon Administrative Rules	Licensed veterinarian  Veterinary technician under the direct supervision of	Exemptions are provided for dogs brought temporarily into the state for periods of less than 30 days and kept under	Dogs at least three months old shall be immunized against rabies by the age of six months in accordance with

	§333-019-0017	<p>a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>In the case of a need to vaccinate and the lack of an available veterinarian, by another person approved for this purpose by the State Public Health Veterinarian.</p>	<p>strict supervision by their owners; dogs for which rabies immunization is contraindicated for health reasons, as determined by a licensed veterinarian; and dogs owned by dealers, breeders, or exhibitors exclusively for sale or exhibition purposes and confined to kennels except for transportation to and from dog shows or fairs</p>	<p>the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control</p>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<p>Pennsylvania Statutes Title 3 Chapter 7A §455.8</p> <p>Pennsylvania Rules Title 7 §16.41, §16.42, §16.43</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian or under direct veterinary supervision</p> <p>Owners of commercial kennels, dealer kennels, nonprofit kennels, private kennels and research kennels who have been examined and certified by the department may administer</p>	<p>An exemption may be granted for up to one year if a licensed veterinarian examines the dog or cat and determines that it would be medically contraindicated to vaccinate. After one year, the dog or cat must be reexamined.</p>	<p>For dogs and cats, within 4 weeks of the animal reaching 3 months of age. Unless otherwise indicated by the directions of the vaccine manufacturer, a booster vaccination shall be administered between 12 and 14 months from the date of the initial vaccination regardless of the age of the animal</p>

		rabies vaccine to animals in the possession of the kennel		at initial vaccination. The animal shall then be subsequently revaccinated on an ongoing basis in accordance with the directions of the vaccine manufacturer
<b>Rhode Island</b>	General Laws of Rhode Island § 4-13-31  Code of Rhode Island Rules 12.020.036 §4.00 - §6.00	Licensed veterinarians or by or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs, cats and ferrets between 3 and 4 months of age with a one year booster shot. Subsequent vaccinations in accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>South Carolina</b>	South Carolina Code of Laws  Rabies Control Act §47-5-10 through §47-5-210  Vaccination Requirements: §47-5-60	Not specified		At a frequency to provide continuous protection of the pet from rabies using a vaccine approved by the South Carolina Dept. of Health & Environmental Control and licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture
<b>Tennessee</b>	Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-8-103.  Tennessee Rules & Regulations	Licensed veterinarians or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs by 3 months and cats by 6 months of age with a one year booster vaccination. Subsequent vaccinations in

	§1200-14-01-.32, §1200-14-01-.33			one or three year intervals in accordance with the specific vaccine used
<b>Texas</b>	Texas Statutes Title 10 §826.021, §826.023  Texas Administrative Code § 169.29	Licensed veterinarians or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs and cats at 4 months. The veterinarian has discretion on subsequent vaccinations as long as the due date does not exceed recommended intervals for booster vaccination as established by manufacturers or any local ordinance requirements
<b>Utah</b>	Utah Administrative Code § R386-702-6	Licensed veterinarian or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian		In accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
<b>Vermont</b>	Vermont Statutes Title 20 Part 8 §3581  Code of Vermont Rules §20-022-018	Licensed veterinarian or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian	An animal may be exempt from vaccination requirements if in the judgment of the veterinarian the animal's medical condition would prevent the development of adequate immunity to rabies. Animals so exempted must be inoculated	Dogs, cats, and ferrets prior to 4 months. Thereafter in accord with manufacturers recommendations

			against rabies as soon as their medical condition permits	
<b>Virginia</b>	Code of Virginia § 3.2-6521 §3.2-6525	Licensed veterinarian  Veterinary technician under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian	The Board of Health may grant an exemption from vaccination requirements if the animal suffers from an underlying medical conditions likely to result in a life-threatening result	Initial vaccination for dogs & cats 4 months of age & older. Then subject to local ordinance
<b>Washington</b>	Washington Administrative Code §246-935-050	Licensed veterinarian  Veterinary technician under indirect supervision  Unregistered assistants under direct supervision of a veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician.		Owners of dogs cats and ferrets must have the animal vaccinated against rabies and revaccinated following veterinary and vaccine manufacturer instructions
<b>West Virginia</b>	Code of West Virginia §19-20A-2	Licensed veterinarian or his or her assistant. If there is no licensed veterinarian practicing in the county, a qualified person may be		Dogs and cats by six months with a booster shot after one year. Subsequent vaccinations every 3 years

		appointed by the county health department to administer vaccinations		
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin Statutes §95.21	Licensed veterinarian  Veterinary technician if a veterinarian is physically present at the location the vaccine is administered	A city, village, or town may exempt the owner of a dog from the requirement to have the dog vaccinated against rabies for a year based on a letter from a veterinarian stating that vaccination is inadvisable because of a reaction to a previous vaccination, a physical condition, or a regimen of therapy that the dog is undergoing	Dogs at 5 months of age with a one year booster vaccination and then triennially thereafter

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