

State	Citation	Who May Administer Vaccination	Specified Exemptions	Frequency of Vaccinations
Alabama	Code of Ala. §3-7A-2 Alabama Administrative Code 420-4-4-.08	Rabies officer, his/her authorized representative, or any duly licensed veterinarian	With consent of owner, a veterinarian with valid VCPR may exempt an animal if deemed medically necessary	Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 3 months of age, and subsequently in accordance with the label of the vaccine used
Alaska	7 Alaska Admin. Code 27.022	By, or under the direct supervision of, a licensed veterinarian; lay vaccinators 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
Arizona	A.A.C. § R3-2-409	Not specified		All animals must be vaccinated in accordance with the Compendium*
Arkansas	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 of age and older. Revaccinations during the 12th month after initial vaccination. Thereafter, the interval between revaccinations should conform to the Compendium*
California	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	Dogs must be vaccinated at 3 months of age and revaccinated one year after the primary immunization with an approved type of rabies vaccine. Dogs shall be revaccinated thereafter at least once every three

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Colorado	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*
Connecticut	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 at 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
Delaware	3 Del. C. § 8204	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 6 months of age, and subsequently according to the label on the vaccine used
District of Columbia	CDCR 24-901 D.C. Code § 8-1803 https://doh.dc.gov/service/vaccination-bites-and-rabies	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs at 3 months of age. Cats at 4 months of age. A dog or cat must be re-vaccinated at least every three years after receiving the second rabies shot.
Florida	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	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

			consideration, the animal may be exempt from vaccination requirements	
Georgia	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 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*
Hawaii	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
Idaho	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*
Illinois	510 ILCS 5/8 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
Indiana	Indiana Administrative Code 345 IAC 1-5-1	Licensed and accredited veterinarians		Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 3 months of age. Ferrets must be revaccinated annually; dogs and cats must be revaccinated according to vaccine label

Iowa	Iowa Annotated Statutes §351.33, §351. 35; Iowa Administrative Code §21-64.25	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs at 6 months of age. Revaccination according to the Compendium*
Kansas	Kansas Statutes §21-1213	Accredited and/or licensed veterinarians as well as those acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian		N/A
Kentucky	Kentucky Statutes Title XXI §258.015 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 902 KAR 2:070	Licensed veterinarians in accordance with the manufacturer's 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
Louisiana	Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 Part III §103	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs, cats and ferrets at 3 months. Revaccination one year later and subsequently in accordance with the Compendium*

Maine	7 M.R.S.A. §3916 Code of Maine Rules 10-144-260	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 by a licensed veterinarian	Cats at 3 months. Cats must be revaccinated one year after the initial vaccination and then according to the type of vaccine used. Dogs at 6 months, including wolf-hybrids. Dogs must be revaccinated according to the type of vaccine used
Maryland	Code of Maryland §18-318, §18-319; COMAR 10.06.02.10	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 4 months. They must be revaccinated according to the label on the vaccine used
Massachusetts	Laws of Mass. Ch. 140, § 145B; Code of Mass. Regs. 330 CMR 10.02	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs and cats at 6 months. Revaccination between 9 and 12 months from the initial vaccination and subsequently according to the vaccine used
Michigan	Mich. Compiled Laws §287.266 and §287.892	Licensed and/or accredited veterinarians		First vaccination for dogs by 4 months of age. Ferrets at 12 weeks of age
Minnesota	Minnesota Rules, part 1721.0540 M.S.A. §35.01	Licensed veterinarians, or under the supervision of a veterinarian		Dog, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated in accordance with the Compendium*
Mississippi	Mississippi Code §41-53-1, 5 Miss. Admin. Code 15-2-11:1.17.14	Licensed veterinarians or other competent person granted a permit to administer vaccine by the State Board of		Dogs and cats at 3 months and thereafter as required by the State Board of Health

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Missouri	Missouri Statutes §322.090 Missouri Code 20 CSR 2270-4.031	Licensed veterinarians		N/A
Montana	Administrative Rules of Montana §32.3.213	Licensed veterinarians		Dogs and cats entering the state must be vaccinated by 3 months
Nebraska	Nebraska Statutes §71-4401, 4402 Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 173, Ch. 5, § 001	Licensed veterinarians		All dogs and cats must be vaccinated at 3 months of age with a booster shot one year later and then revaccinated every three years
Nevada	Nevada Revised Statutes §441A.410 Nevada Administrative Code §441A.440, 435	Licensed veterinarians	A licensed veterinarian may exempt a dog, cat or ferret from vaccination for health reasons	Dogs and cats every 3 years. Ferrets annually
New Hampshire	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*

New Jersey	New Jersey Statutes §4:19-15.2a; Administrative Code §8:23A-4.1	Licensed veterinarians	Municipal dog licensing 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	Dogs and cats 3 months of age or 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 nd booster: 1 or 3 years' immunity, depending on the vaccine used
New Mexico	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
New York	New York Consolidated Laws Public Health §2141, §2146** McKinney's Agriculture and Markets Law § 109 **excludes New York City	By or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian	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
North Carolina	North Carolina General Statutes §130A-185 North Carolina Administrative Code §41G.0101	Licensed veterinarian, a registered veterinary technician under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, or a		Dogs, cats, and ferrets at 4 months of age. Revaccination for dogs and cats one year later and then annually or triennially, depending on vaccine used.

		certified rabies vaccinator		A dog or cat vaccinated by a certified rabies vaccinator shall be re-vaccinated annually
North Dakota	North Dakota Century Code §23-36-01	N/A		Animals must be vaccinated in accordance with the Compendium*
Ohio	R.C. §955.26** **Only deals with rabies quarantine	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Statutes §1-508 Oklahoma Administrative Code §310:599-3-9.1, and §775:10-7-9.1	Licensed veterinarian or a 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

<p>Oregon</p>	<p>Oregon Revised Statutes §433.365</p> <p>Oregon Administrative Rules §333-019-0017</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian; veterinary technician under the direct supervision of 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>Exemptions provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For dogs brought temporarily into the state for periods of less than 30 days and kept under strict supervision by their owners; 2. Dogs for which rabies immunization is contraindicated for health reasons, as determined by a licensed veterinarian; and 3. 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>Dogs at least 3 months old shall be immunized against rabies by the age of 6 months in accordance with the Compendium*</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<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</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.</p> <p>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 at initial vaccination.</p> <p>The animal shall then be</p>

		certified by the department may administer rabies vaccines to animals in the possession of the kennel		subsequently revaccinated on an ongoing basis in accordance with the directions of the vaccine manufacturer
Rhode Island	General Laws of Rhode Island § 4-13-31 Code of Rhode Island Rules 12.020.036 §4.00 - §6.00	Licensed veterinarians, 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*
South Carolina	South Carolina Code of Laws Vaccination Requirements: §47-5-60	Licensed veterinarians, or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian		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 USDA
South Dakota	ARSD 12:68:06:09 (Importation of cats and dogs)	Accredited veterinarian		Dogs and cats by 3 months
Tennessee	Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-8-103. Tennessee Rules & Regulations §1200-14-01-.32, §1200-14-01-.33	Licensed veterinarians or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian		Dogs by 3 months and cats by 6 months of age with a booster at one year. Subsequent vaccinations in 1- or 3-year intervals in accordance with the specific vaccine used
Texas	Texas Statutes Title 10 §826.018,	Licensed veterinarians, or non-		Dogs and cats at 4 months of age.

	<p>§826.021, §826.023</p> <p>Texas Administrative Code § 169.29</p> <p>Texas Administrative Code §573.10</p>	<p>veterinarians only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian, and only after the veterinarian has properly established a veterinarian- client-patient relationship</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> A veterinarian employed by a county or municipality, and administers (or supervises administration of) rabies vaccines as part of a rabies- control program established by a county or municipality, is not required to establish a VCPR before administering a rabies vaccine or supervising the administration of a rabies vaccine.</p>		<p>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</p>
Utah	<p>Utah Administrative Code § R386- 702-6</p> <p>Utah Code 58-28-307</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians, or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Animal shelter employees acting under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who</p>		<p>In accordance with the Compendium*</p>

		is under contract with the animal shelter		
Vermont	Vermont Statutes Title 20 Part 8 §3581 Code of Vermont Rules §20-022-018	Licensed veterinarians, 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 against rabies as soon as their medical condition permits	Dogs, cats, and ferrets prior to 4 months. Thereafter, in accord with manufacturer's recommendations
Virginia	Code of Virginia § 3.2-6521 §3.2-6525	Licensed veterinarians, or a veterinary technician under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian	The local health director, in consultation with the state public-health veterinarian, may grant an exemption if vaccination would likely endanger the animal's life due to a previously diagnosed disease or documented medical considerations, as documented by a	Initial vaccination for dogs and cats: 4 months of age and older. Then subject to local ordinance

			licensed veterinarian.	
Washington	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
West Virginia	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 appointed by the county health department to administer vaccinations		Dogs and cats by 6 months, with a booster shot after one year. Subsequent vaccinations every 3 years
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Statutes §95.21	Licensed veterinarian; or Veterinary technician if a	A city, village, or town may exempt the owner of a dog from the requirement to have the dog	Dogs at 5 months of age with a one-year booster vaccination and then triennially thereafter

		veterinarian is physically present at the location the vaccine is administered	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	
Wyoming	W.S. 1977 § 11-31-212, 213	Licensed veterinarian		Dog or cat by 3 months of age

Notes: **Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control*

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