

**RESOLUTION #1—2022  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON RABIES**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Rabies as noted below (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck through~~).

**Rabies policy**

Rabies is an almost invariably fatal disease for animals and humans. AVMA endorses the 2016 Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control developed by the National Association of State and Public Health Veterinarians. ~~The full text of the compendium is available from the NASPHV or from the AVMA Animal and Public Health Division.~~ Vaccination of animals is a critical step in preventing infection and protecting public health.

~~As a guide for legislators and other government officials, the AVMA recommends use of the Model Rabies Ordinance which is available on the AVMA Website.~~

**Statement about the Resolution**

The recommended changes were made to emphasize the severe consequences of infection with rabies, that vaccination is the primary method of prevention and to ensure that the revised policy refers to the most current edition of the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) Compendium.

The policy was reviewed by the Council on Public Health, which suggests removing redundant language that references materials already available at the policy website “Related Policies” where the Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver policy will be linked, as well as a section titled, “Additional Resources” where the [Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2016](#) and the [Model Rabies Control Ordinance](#) will also be linked.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				

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