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Iredell County Health Department

IREDELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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By action of the Iredell County Board of Health, the following rule governing the control of rabies for the express purpose of protecting the public health is hereby adopted pursuant to Chapter 130A-39(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina. This rule shall apply throughout Iredell County, including, but not limited to, all cities and towns, whether incorporated or unincorporated.

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

It is the intent of the rule to improve control and better reduce the spread of rabies in Iredell County. The Iredell County Health Department, in collaboration with Iredell County Animal Control, shall establish a comprehensive animal rabies prevention and control program that includes standardization of procedures thereby contributing to an effective rabies control program. Rabies is a fatal viral illness and a serious public health problem. All mammals are believed to be susceptible to the disease that causes acute and progressive encephalitis.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

- "Board of Health" means the Iredell County Board of Health
- "Director" means the Health Director for Iredell County. The term also means the authorized representative of the Director
- "Imminent Hazard" means a situation that is likely to cause an immediate threat to human life, an immediate threat of serious physical injury, an immediate threat to serious adverse health effects, or a serious risk of irreparable damage to the environment if no immediate action is taken.
- "Premises" means a parcel of real property, including all buildings and structure located thereon.

SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Iredell County Board of Health adopts the recommendations and guidelines for rabies post exposure management of dogs and cats specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the 2016 edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (Part I.B.5: Postexposure Management). These provisions of the Compendium shall be the required control measures pursuant to G.S. 130A-197.

SECTION 4: RIGHT OF ENTRY-INSPECTION

The Director shall have the right of entry upon any Premises where entry is necessary to carry out the provisions of this Rule. If consent for entry is not given or obtained, an administrative search and inspection warrant shall be obtained pursuant to G.S. 15-27. However, if an Imminent Hazard exists, no warrant is required for entry upon the Premises.

SECTION 5: PENALTIES AND REMEDIES

Any person who violates any provision of this Rule shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in accordance with NCGS 130A-25 and punished as by law allowed.
The Director may bring a civil proceeding in the Iredell County Superior Court to enforce the provisions of this Rule in accordance with Article 1 Part 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY

If any provision or clause of this Rule is declared invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate any other provision or clause of this Rule

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

This rule shall be in full force and effective from and after November 3, 2016

Iredell County Rabies Control Rule adopted and approved by the Iredell County Board of Health on the 3rd day of November, 2016.



Chair, Iredell County Board of Health



Secretary, Iredell County Board of Health