

## Conditions of Confinement/Isolation

The following is a list of conditions that must be met during both the 10-day confinement and observation period (for a domestic animal that exposes a human or other domestic animal) and the 6-month isolation period (for a domestic animal that is not up-to-date on rabies vaccine and that itself was exposed by a suspect rabid animal).

The dog, cat, or ferret:

1. Must be kept on the owner's premises in an escape-proof building or enclosure (house, garage, etc.) at the responsibility of an adult owner/keeper under the supervision of the local ACO, or in an animal shelter or veterinary clinic (ACO must be notified);
2. May not be allowed to run at large or left outside unsupervised where it may come into contact with other animals, as in a fenced yard or on a chain;
3. Should not be permitted to have contact with other animals or people;
4. If confined and observed at home, cannot be off the owner's property unless being taken to a veterinary hospital for examination or euthanasia under the control of an adult and on a leash or in a carrier.
5. If the animal shows any changes in health or behavior, it must be examined by a veterinarian, who will determine if rabies testing is indicated.
6. If the animal escapes, notify the local ACO immediately.
7. Should not be sold, given away, euthanized or otherwise disposed of during the confinement or isolation period without prior permission from the ACO.
8. Should be visually inspected by the ACO at the end of the 10-day confinement period, or must be examined by a veterinarian at the end of the 6-month isolation period.

The duration and conditions of these periods, as stated on the official notices (Appendix C), start the day of exposure. See the Rules Governing Rabies Management for more information about the conditions of confinement and isolation. Veterinarians or animal owners with questions on how to properly manage pets exposed to a skunk, bat, or a suspiciously acting carnivore that is unavailable for rabies testing should contact Maine CDC.