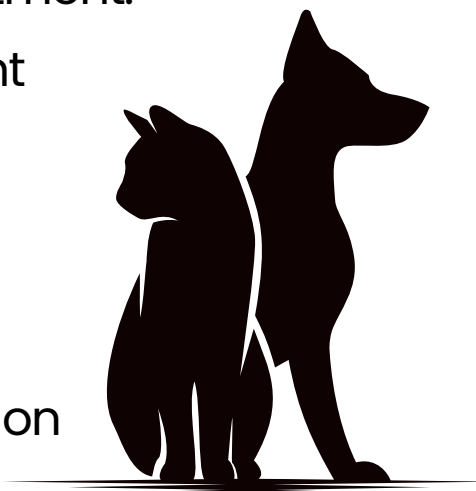




## What do I do if I am bitten or scratched by a dog/cat?

- ✓ You may need to be checked by a healthcare provider.
- ✓ Healthcare provider will send report to the SLC Public Health Department.
- ✓ Talk with SLCPHD rabies program staff about the incident. Important information to report:
  - Owner's name
  - Owner's Phone Number
  - Owner's address.
  - If known pet's name, breed, and specific color/markings.
- ✓ SLCPHD staff will let you know if treatment is recommended, based on New York State guidelines.



**We do not to take your pet from you or your family**

## What to expect if my dog/cat bites or scratches someone

- ✓ A call from SLCPHD staff to talk through the situation, Important information to share:
  - Verify owner and pet information
  - Rabies vaccination status
  - Was this unusual behavior for your pet?
- ✓ SLCPHD Staff will share information on the process of the 10 day confinement period



## But Why 10 Days?

- ✓ Rabies is a virus that can be spread through saliva from a bite or scratch.
- ✓ Once a dog or cat is showing sign of rabies they are very sick and will pass away within a few days.
- ✓ If an animal is alive and healthy for 10 days after a bite, the dog or cat does not have rabies, and the exposed person will not need treatment for rabies.

## What can I do to protect my family and pets from rabies?

- ✓ Do not touch animals that are not familiar with you. Ask pet owner before petting a pet who does not know you.
- ✓ Get your pet vaccinated for rabies, starting at 12 weeks of age
- ✓ Keep your pet up-to-date with rabies vaccines (*a booster needs to be within 1 year of the first vaccine, then usually every 3 years*).
- ✓ Keep your pets away from stray animals and wildlife that may have rabies (*if bitten by a wild animal contact your Veterinarian for care*).



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