

§ 16.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Act—The Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act (3 P. S. §§ 455.1—455.12).

Cat—A carnivorous mammal scientifically known as *Felis catus* which spends part of a 24-hour day in a residence inhabited by a human being. For the purposes of Subchapter B (relating to control of rabies), the term includes members of the *Felis catus* species regardless of their location or relationship to humans.

Certificate of vaccination—A statement signed by a licensed veterinarian attesting to the vaccination of a dog or cat and recording the identification, breed, sex, age and color of the animal, the vaccination tag number, the name, lot number, duration of immunity and manufacturer of the vaccine and the date of vaccination.

Department—The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth.

Dog—The genus and species known as *Canis familiaris*.

Domestic animal—An equine animal, bovine animal, sheep, goat, pig, dog or cat.

Exposed to rabies—A human or domestic animal that has been bitten by an animal infected with rabies or that has had an open wound, scratch, eye or mucous membrane in contact with saliva from an animal infected with rabies.

Licensed kennel—A kennel that is licensed by the Department under the Dog Law (3 P. S. §§ 459-101—459-1205).

Official rabies test—Fluorescent antibody, animal inoculation or other tests which have been or may be approved by the USDA or the USPHS and which are conducted in a State laboratory or other facility designated by the Secretary.

Person—An individual, partnership, association or corporation.

Quarantine—Restriction of the movement, use and disposition of animals, premises, equipment, vehicles and other articles to prevent the spread of rabies.

Rabies—In man and animal, hydrophobia, an acute viral disease of the central nervous system usually transmitted to man through the injection of saliva by an animal bite.

Secretary—The Secretary of the Department.

Suspected of having rabies—A mammal exhibiting behavior which, in the opinion of a veterinarian, public health official or official representative of the Department, the Department of Health or the Game Commission, is suggestive of infection with rabies.

USDA—The United States Department of Agriculture.

USPHS—The United States Public Health Service.

Wild animal—An animal other than a domestic animal.

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