



ANNUAL RABIES VACCINATION WAIVER FORM

Vaccinating domesticated animals against rabies both protects the individual animal against a virtually 100% fatal disease and provides a crucial barrier between humans and wild animals that might carry rabies. Modern rabies vaccines are considered very safe and have a low incidence of adverse effects. However, some animals might require a waiver of rabies vaccination because the vaccination poses an unacceptably high risk to the health of the individual animal. Oregon law permits practicing veterinarians to issue a medical waiver under certain circumstances.

Patient Information:

Patient Name: _____ Species: _____ Breed: _____

Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Animal Owner's Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above and that I have been informed of the following:

This medical waiver is only effective until one year from the date indicated below, and I will need to request renewal every year at a comprehensive evaluation by a veterinarian, which may or may not be granted.

A waiver from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from Oregon rules or laws related to rabies. (ORS 433.365; OAR 333-019-0017):

- I must minimize the risk of the animal becoming exposed to rabies by always keeping it on my premises or on a leash and minimizing exposure to other animals, especially wild animals.
- If exposed to a potentially rabid animal, euthanasia of my pet may be required.
- If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies, or if the animal bites a person, public health authorities may require that the animal be quarantined and observed for signs of rabies or euthanized immediately and tested for rabies.

Signature of Owner: _____ Date _____

Signature of Veterinarian: _____ Date _____

Veterinarian Name: _____

I have examined the animal above and determined that, in my professional opinion, there is considerable risk of harm to the animal from the administration of a rabies vaccine as required by Oregon law.