VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

VACCINATION OF WILD/DOMESTIC MIXED-BREED OR WILD ANIMALS

On November 3, 2003, KSU Attorney Richard Seaton advised the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental regulations require the immediate sacrifice of a cross-bred animal in any rabies investigation. Kansas regulations also prohibit immunization of skunks, coyotes, raccoons, foxes "and other wildlife mammals known to be involved in the transmission of rabies".

With that understanding, Attorney Seaton has approved the use of Medical Record form 18.5 entitled "Consent for Rabies Vaccination for Wild/Domestic Mixed - Breed or Wild Animals" and issuance of a rabies tag and certificate, when vaccinating wild/domestic mixed breeds or wild animals. The clinician vaccinating the mixed breed/wild animal is required to have the owner sign the consent form, witness their signature and provide the form to medical records personnel with the record. Forms will be stocked in the Pet Health Center, Zoological Medicine Ward and SA Medical Records.

If an owner refuses to sign this form or refuses to accept <u>all</u> conditions included on the form, the clinician is not authorized to vaccinate the animal for rabies. The clinician is responsible for confirming that this form has been signed prior to vaccinating the animal.

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APPROVED 2/4/13, VHC Administrator