

Rabies Exposure Guidelines

DOMESTIC ANIMAL
Bitten or Scratched
by rabies suspect

Veterinary Examination

**Suspect animal test positive for
rabies or not available for testing**

Current rabies
vaccination

Non-current rabies
vaccination with
appropriate vaccination
documentation

History of rabies
vaccination without
appropriate vaccination
documentation

No rabies
vaccination history

Booster and owner
observe for 45 days

Prospective Serological
Monitoring - See NASPHV
Protocol

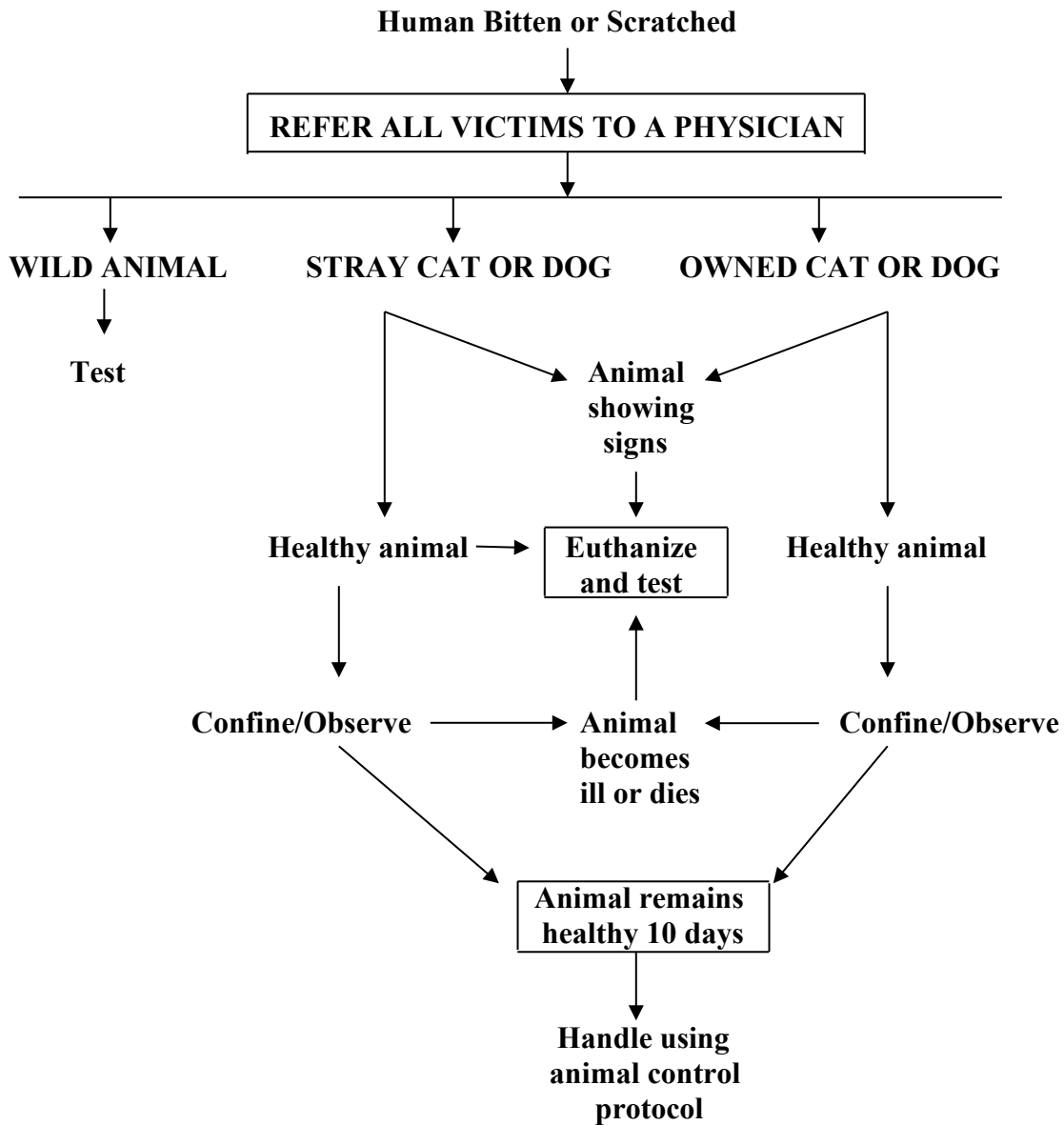
Immediate euthanasia

Test if animal becomes ill or
dies during observation

Euthanasia Refused
1. Vaccinate within 96 hours of
exposure
2. Strict quarantine/isolation
a. 4 months for dogs & cats
b. 6 months for ferrets

Testing Laboratory:
SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, Brookings, SD
605.688.5171 (8am to 5pm) [Website](#)

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**For consultation on human exposure to rabies call:
South Dakota Office of Disease Prevention Services,
Joe Foss Building Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605-773-3737 (800-592-1861 in South Dakota only)
Website: <https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/rabies/>**