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

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

Immediate euthanasia

Testing Laboratories:
SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, Brookings, SD
605.688.5171 (8am to 5pm)
http://www.sdstate.edu/vs/adrdl/index.cfm
South Dakota Department of Health, Pierre, SD
800.592.1861 (8am to 5pm); 800.592.1861 (after business hours)
https://doh.sd.gov/lab/rabies.aspx

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**Human Bitten or Scratched**

- **REFER ALL VICTIMS TO A PHYSICIAN**

**WILD ANIMAL**

- Test

**STRAIGHT CAT OR DOG**

- Animal showing signs
  - Healthy animal
    - Euthanize and test
  - Animal becomes ill or dies
    - Animal remains healthy 10 days
      - Handle using animal control protocol

**OWNED CAT OR DOG**

- Confine/Observe

For consultation on human exposure to rabies call:
South Dakota Public Health Department, Communicable Disease Office, Joe Foss Building Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 800-592-1861

Animal tests for rabies can be performed anytime at the South Dakota Public Health Lab, 615 E 4th St., Pierre, SD. Arrangements for testing can be made with the lab by calling (605) 773-3368 during regular business hours. For emergencies call 800-592-1861