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Secretary of State

CHAPTER 253

**HOUSE BILL 2049**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-1014, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 11-1014, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11-1014. Handling of biting animals; responsibility for reporting animal bites; authority to destroy animals

A. An unvaccinated dog or cat that bites any person shall be confined and quarantined in a county pound, or, upon request of and at the expense of the owner, at a veterinary hospital for a period of not less than ~~seven~~ TEN days. THE QUARANTINE PERIOD SHALL START ON THE DAY OF THE BITE INCIDENT. IF THE DAY OF THE BITE IS NOT KNOWN, THE QUARANTINE PERIOD SHALL START ON THE FIRST DAY OF IMPOUNDMENT. A dog properly vaccinated pursuant to this article, ~~that bites any person,~~ may be confined and quarantined at the home of the owner or wherever the dog is harbored and maintained with the consent of and in a manner prescribed by the county enforcement agent.

B. Any DOMESTIC animal, other than a dog, ~~or~~ cat, A CAGED OR PET RODENT OR RABBIT, that bites any person shall be confined and quarantined in a county pound or, upon the request and at the expense of the owner, at a veterinary hospital for a period of not less than fourteen days, ~~provided that.~~ Livestock shall be confined and quarantined for the fourteen-day period in a manner regulated by the Arizona department of agriculture. ~~If the animal is a caged rodent, it may be confined and quarantined at the home of the owner or where it is harbored or maintained, for the required period of time, with the consent of and in a manner prescribed by the county~~

1 ~~enforcement agent~~ CAGED OR PET RODENTS OR RABBITS SHALL NOT BE QUARANTINED  
2 OR LABORATORY TESTED.

3 C. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A WILD RODENT OR RABBIT, any wild animal  
4 ~~which~~ THAT bites any person OR DIRECTLY EXPOSES ANY PERSON TO ITS SALIVA, may  
5 be killed and submitted to the county enforcement agent or ~~his~~ THE AGENT'S  
6 deputies for ~~transmission~~ TRANSPORT to an appropriate diagnostic laboratory.  
7 A WILD RODENT OR RABBIT MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR LABORATORY TESTING IF THE ANIMAL  
8 HAS BITTEN A PERSON AND EITHER THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH OR BEHAVIOR INDICATES THAT  
9 THE ANIMAL MAY HAVE RABIES OR THE BITE OCCURRED IN AN AREA THAT CONTAINS A  
10 RABIES EPIZOOTIC, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

11 D. Whenever an animal bites any person, the incident shall be reported  
12 to the county enforcement agent immediately by any person having direct  
13 knowledge.

14 E. The county enforcement agent may destroy any animal confined and  
15 quarantined pursuant to this section prior to the termination of the minimum  
16 confinement period for laboratory examination for rabies if:

- 17 1. ~~Such~~ THE animal shows clear clinical signs of rabies.
- 18 2. The ANIMAL'S owner ~~of such animal~~ consents to its destruction.

19 F. Any animal subject to licensing under this article found without  
20 a tag identifying its owner shall be deemed unowned.

21 G. The county enforcement agent shall destroy a vicious animal upon  
22 an order of a justice of the peace or a city magistrate. A justice of the  
23 peace or city magistrate may issue such an order after notice to the owner,  
24 if any, and a hearing.

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