

Animal Care Services

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING ANIMAL BITE REPORTING

The City of San Antonio/Bexar County Rabies Control Authority/Animal Care Services has made available a new **Animal Bite Exposure/Quarantine Report Form** for reporting agencies throughout the City and unincorporated Bexar County. This form replaces the current form that has been used for reporting animal bite exposures. Please destroy any old forms in your possession and begin using the new form immediately. A new form is attached for your review.

The form is available on the Animal Care Services website (see below) under Forms and Applications. The form can be downloaded to any computer for use and transmission electronically. It is the objective and preference of the Rabies Control Authority that this form be used <u>electronically</u> and <u>emailed</u> to the address provided on the form. Electronic transmission is fast and efficient and is a more reliable form of communication of important and sensitive victim information. A fax number is still provided for fax transmissions of the form to both Animal Care Services and San Antonio Metro Health.

The State of Texas Administrative Code; Title 25 Health Services; Part 1 Department of Health Services; Chapter 169 Zoonosis Control; Subchapter A Rabies Control and Eradication; Rule § 169.25 Reports of Human Exposure to Rabies states:

(a) Any person having knowledge of a potential rabies exposure to a human will report the incident to the local rabies control authority as soon as possible after the incident. This requirement does not apply to contacts with low-risk animals as defined in § 169.27 of this title (relating to Definitions).

The City of San Antonio website can be found at: http://www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare/.

Once at the website, select Forms & Reports, then select Applications & Forms, then select Animal Bite Exposure Form.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Animal Care Services at 207-6657.