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## Changes to Rabies Immunization Regulation

The Ontario Regulation 567 of R.R.O. 1990 (**RABIES IMMUNIZATION**) has been amended by Ontario Regulation 497/17.

**Effective July 1, 2018**, every owner or person having care or custody of a **cat, dog or ferret** three months of age or over, shall ensure that the cat, dog, or ferret is immunized against rabies. In addition, every owner or person having care or custody of a **horse, cow, bull, steer, calf, sheep or other livestock** for which a rabies vaccine licensed for use in Canada is available, shall ensure that each such animal is immunized against rabies. The requirement **does not apply to a horse, cow, bull, steer, calf, sheep or other livestock** that is **accessible only** to the person or persons who are responsible for the care and control of such animal.

In addition, **more detailed information** is to be provided by the veterinarian for the **animal's certificate of immunization against rabies** and there is also a requirement for the veterinarian to provide more information regarding a "**Statement of Exemption**" for an animal that has a medical condition precluding that safe immunization or re-immunization of the animal against rabies.

May is "**Rabies Awareness Month**" and we would like to remind veterinarians of their **requirement**, under Ontario Regulation 567, **to report animal bites** to the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD). The report can be submitted electronically by visiting our **durham.ca website** under **Health and Wellness**, click on **Public Health Inspections and Investigations**, and then click on **Rabies** located on the left side of the page. Otherwise you can report an animal bite to DRHD by **fax at 905-668-1887** or by **calling 905-723-3818 or 1-888-777-9613**.

Finally, DRHD is hosting its annual "**Rabies Prevention & Control Interagency Meeting**" on **Tuesday May 15, 2018 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters **605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Room-LLC**. If you are interested in attending this event please call **905-723-3818 ext. 4603**.

Durham Region Health Department: **905-723-3818, 1-888-777 9613**

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If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to [healthresources@durham.ca](mailto:healthresources@durham.ca)

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