Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record
Supplemental Document

Law requires completion of the Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record when there is a known animal bite or skin abrasion caused by a companion or wild animal.

The purpose of the record is to collect information about animal bites in the context of rabies prevention and control. See reverse for information regarding animal bite investigation procedures in Linn County.

Instructions

1. **Is the animal owner's address in Linn County?**
   - No
   - Yes

2. **Complete: Person Completing Form**
   Must be the medical provider or other person who received the report
   *NEVER give the form to the patient to ensure accuracy of patient information*

3. **Complete:**
   1. Date Bite/Exposure Occurred
   2. Date Treated & Medical Facility

4. **Complete: Person Bitten/Exposed to Bat Information**
   Complete the contact info of the patient, describe the injury and treatment provided (wound cleansing, tetanus vaccination, antibiotic, etc.), and indicate if PEP was administered

5. **Complete: Animal Information**
   Complete ALL fields—*It is vital that the animal control agency can locate the animal to oversee the 10-day quarantine*
   *If patient refuses to provide animal information, see reverse*

6. **Complete: Reporting Requirement**
   List the agency the record will be submitted to and date of submission

7. **Submit Form Immediately**
   Fax the form to the applicable department using the animal owner's address
   - **Owner address in Cedar Rapids**
     CR Animal Care and Control
     Phone: 286-5993  Fax: 294-6629
   - **Owner address in Marion**
     Marion Police Dept.
     Phone: 377-1511  Fax: 200-4143
   - **Owner address in Linn County**
     Cedar Valley Humane Society
     Phone: 362-6288  Fax: 365-8270
   If no owner, use the address of the animal bite/bat exposure

See reverse for additional information
Animal Bite Investigation Procedures

*Dogs, cats, and ferrets*: the animal is placed under a mandatory quarantine (confinement period) for 10 days to ensure the animal remains healthy and shows no clinical signs of rabies. The quarantine procedure varies by animal control agency.

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<th>Quarantine Procedure</th>
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<td>An animal control officer is sent to the animal owner’s residence to view animal and oversee quarantine.</td>
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<td>Marion Police</td>
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<td>Cedar Valley Humane</td>
<td>Remainder of Linn County</td>
<td>CVHS usually calls the animal owner to verify the owner can quarantine. CVHS occasionally sends an officer from Linn County Sheriff’s Office.</td>
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*Bat exposures*: the bat should be euthanized and tested for rabies. See [https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/resources](https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/resources) for additional information.


**Patient refusing to provide animal information**: please explain the purpose of collecting the information. The purpose is to oversee a 10-day quarantine of the animal (usually at home) to ensure the animal is healthy 10 days following the bite.

*The patient should be sent to an emergency room for post-exposure prophylaxis if an exposure may have occurred, animal information is not obtained, or if it cannot be guaranteed that the animal can be captured.*

**Animal owner address outside of Linn County**: please contact the appropriate animal control agency for their reporting procedures. Completing the Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record is not necessary.

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<th>Owner address in Benton County</th>
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<td>Benton County Health Dept.</td>
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<td>See <a href="https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/information-for-providers">idph.iowa.gov/rabies/information-for-providers</a> for statewide points of contact</td>
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<td>Phone: 319-472-3119</td>
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A form is now available for animal-on-animal bites. See [https://www.linncounty.org/835/Animal-Bite-Reporting](https://www.linncounty.org/835/Animal-Bite-Reporting).