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Owners:

Notice Date:

# SAMPLE NOTICE

Case Number:

Reported Bite Date:

## NOTICE

It has been reported to this office that you are the owner of an animal that has bitten and/or scratched a person. In accordance with state laws and county ordinances, you must begin a ten (10) day rabies observation period as follows:

1. Take the animal to a veterinarian, if you have not done so already, within 24 hours of this notice for a rabies examination. If your animal does not have a microchip identification, one must be implanted at the time of the first exam.
2. The observation period is the time frame of ten days after the first exam. During this period you must keep the animal to home confinement. It must be put on a leash when taken outside and kept in a manner which will prohibit it from biting again. During this period, the animal must remain in your possession and cannot be sold or given away; nor can it be vaccinated for rabies or taken out of the state during this time.
3. If the animal has a current rabies vaccination, it must be examined again on the tenth day after the first examination. If the animal is not currently vaccinated for rabies, it must be examined on the fifth and tenth days following the first examination.
4. Contact this office immediately with the name of your veterinarian, your appointment dates for examinations, and the animal's rabies tag number.

If you refuse to take your pet to a veterinarian or do not abide by the home confinement agreement, DuPage County Animal Services will impound the animal for the ten (10) day observation period.

Should you choose to have the animal euthanized or if it passes away within the observation period, your veterinarian must submit a sample of brain tissue to our office to be tested for rabies at the State Board Laboratory.

**RABIES IS A FATAL DISEASE. Failure to comply with the foregoing regulations will result in prosecution under state and county laws and possible civil liabilities.**