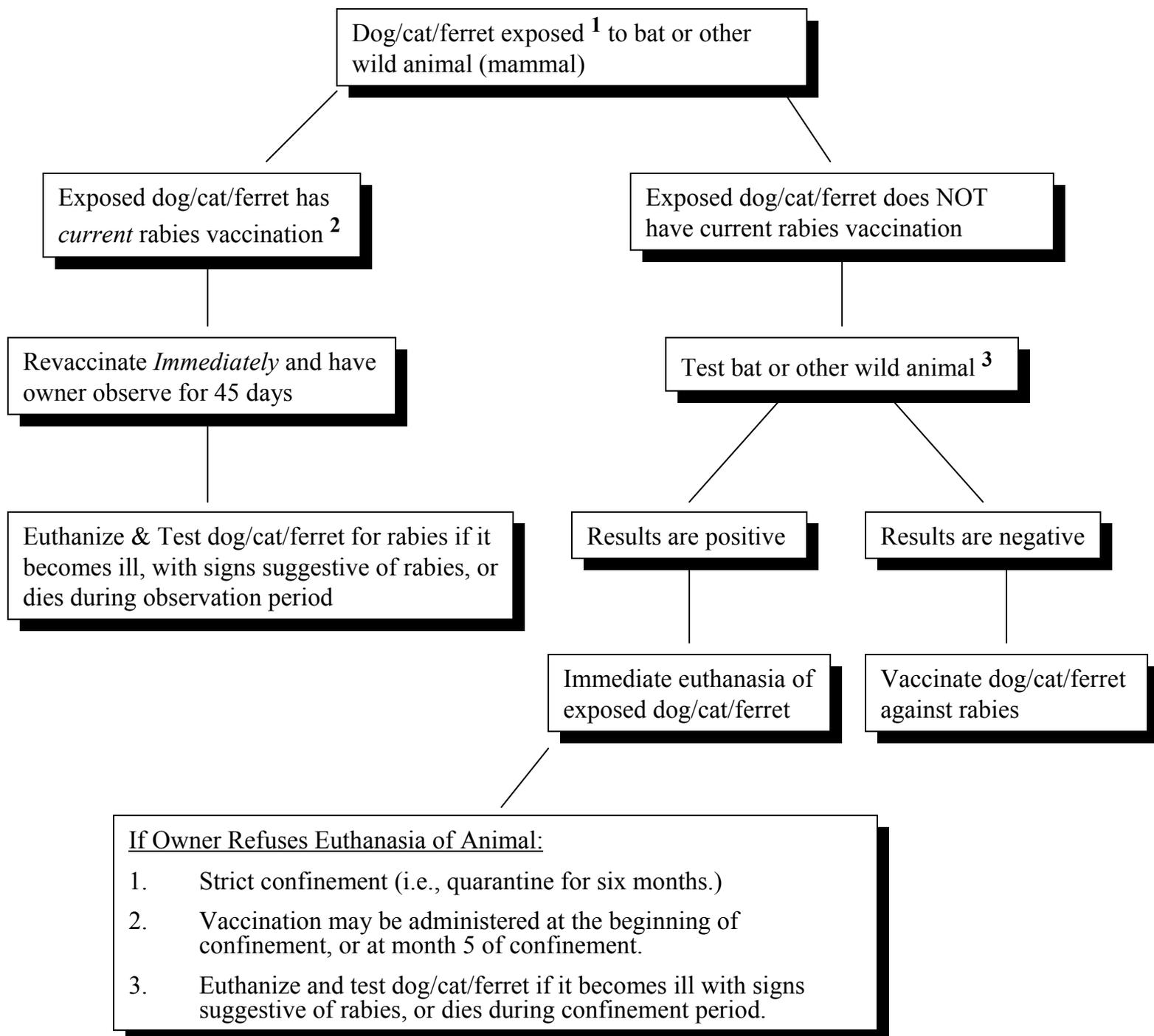


# PROTOCOL FOR DOGS, CATS & FERRETS POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO RABIES



<sup>1</sup> If questions of exposure, first call your local health department and animal control offices. If they are unavailable, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) at (517) 373-1077 during business hours, or call the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at (517) 335-8165 during business hours. After 5:00 p.m. and on weekends call MDCH at (517) 335-9030, or MDA at (517) 373-0440.

<sup>2</sup> *Current* rabies vaccination is vaccination by a veterinarian within 12 months if it was the animal's first vaccination. First vaccination is by four months of age for dogs, 12 weeks for ferrets. Cats are not required to be vaccinated by Michigan law, but rabies vaccination is strongly recommended due to the predatory nature of cats. For subsequent rabies vaccinations, *current* means administered by a veterinarian, within one or three years from the previous vaccination, depending on the vaccine used.

<sup>3</sup> If bat or wild animal is NOT available for testing, must proceed as if it is positive for rabies.