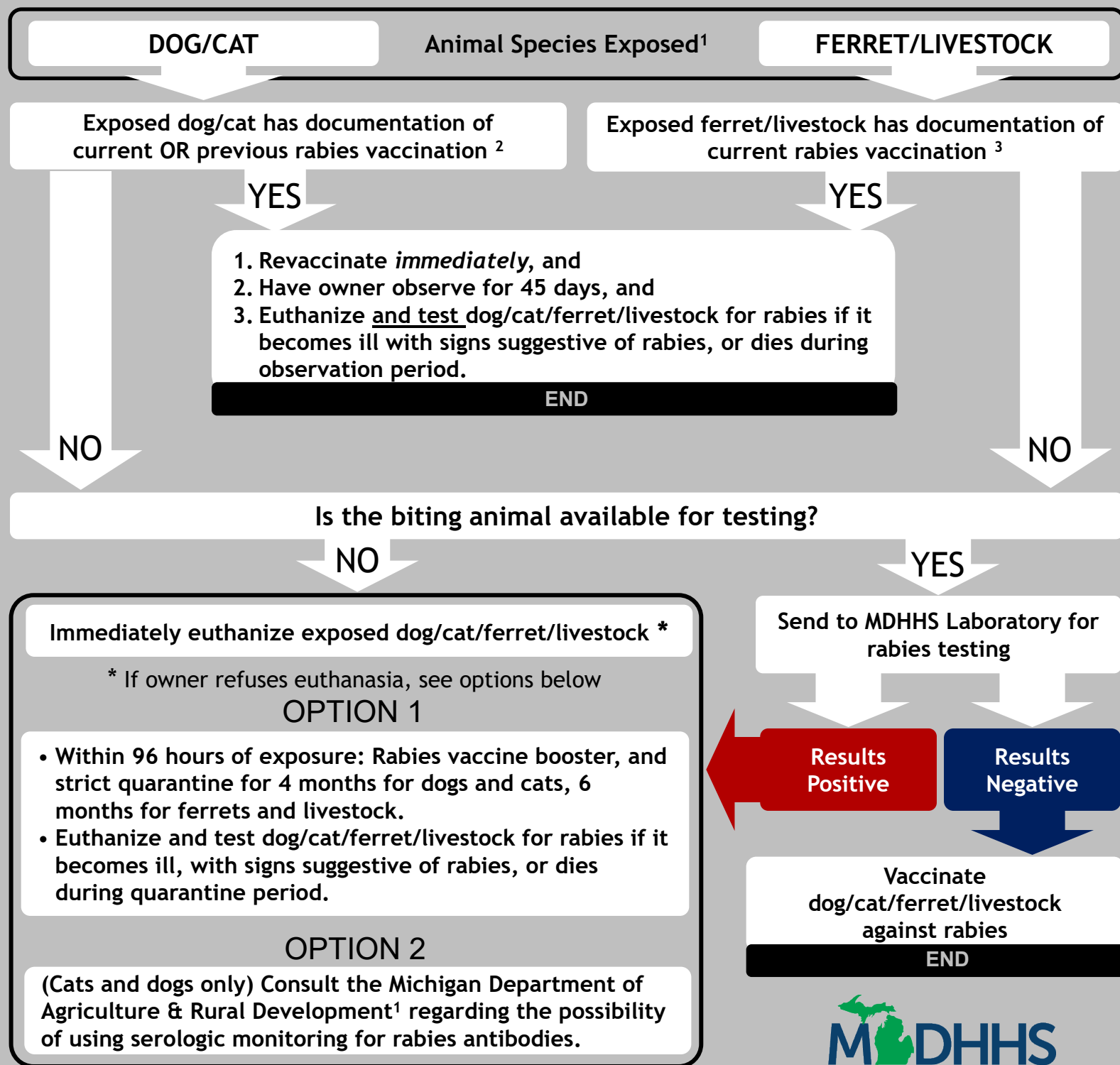


# MICHIGAN RABIES ASSESSMENT: WHEN AN ANIMAL HAS BEEN EXPOSED



[www.michigan.gov/rabies](http://www.michigan.gov/rabies)

## [1] For questions about exposure:

1. Call your veterinarian, animal control office and/or local health department.
2. If they are unavailable, *during business hours*, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) at (800) 292-3939 **OR** the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at (517) 335-8165.
3. *After 5:00 PM and weekends*, call MDARD at (517) 373-0440 **OR** MDHHS at (517) 335-9030.

## [2] Current vaccination means administered by a veterinarian within 1 or 3 years from previous vaccination, depending on vaccine used.

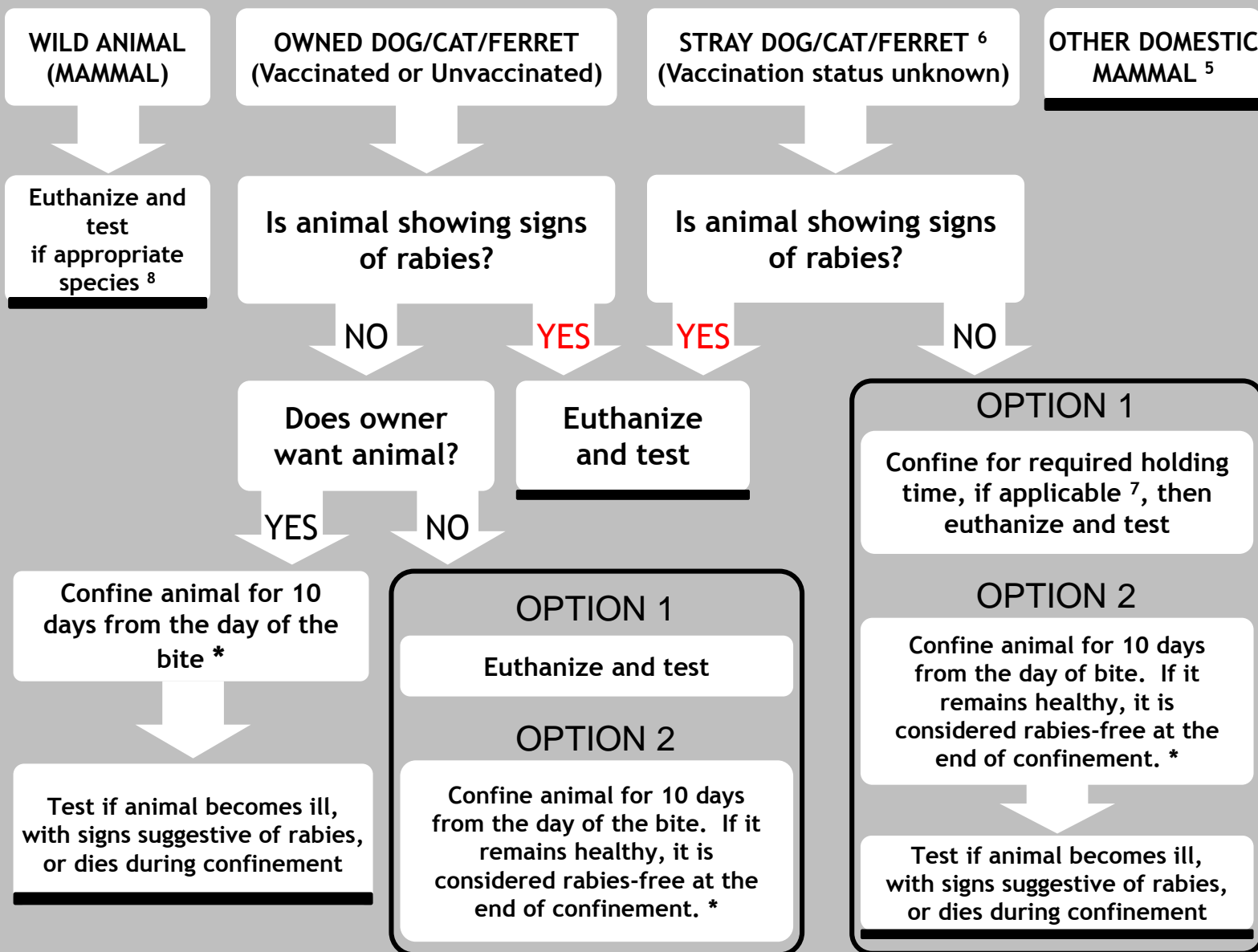
An animal is considered “previously” vaccinated against rabies if the owner has documentation showing that a licensed veterinarian has ever administered a vaccine product approved for use in that species.

## [3] Ferret/Livestock: An animal is considered “currently” vaccinated against rabies if a licensed veterinarian has administered a vaccine product approved for use in that species within 1 or 3 years, depending on the vaccine used. Consideration should be given to vaccinating livestock that are particularly valuable. Animals that have frequent contact with humans (e.g., in petting zoos, fairs and other public exhibitions) and horses traveling interstate should be currently vaccinated.

# MICHIGAN RABIES ASSESSMENT: WHEN ANIMALS HAVE BITTEN PEOPLE <sup>4</sup>



Refer person bitten to  
physician or local  
health department



\* At the end of 10 day confinement, a healthy animal with unknown or no rabies vaccination history should be given initial rabies vaccine dose.

[4] Regardless of rabies vaccination status. Though rabies in animals vaccinated against rabies is rare, vaccinated animals can still develop rabies.

[5] Livestock and exhibit animals that bite people are assessed individually (a separate zoo animal rabies flowchart is available @ [www.michigan.gov/rabies](http://www.michigan.gov/rabies)). In all instances of other domestic animal species, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at (517) 335-8165 OR notify the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) at (800) 292-3939.

[6] State law requires that all stray dogs be reported to animal control within 48 hours of a person taking possession of the animal. Ensure animal has been reported.

[7] Contact local animal control office where the animal is located for required hold times.

Chipmunk	Mole	Rat
Gerbil	Mouse	Shrew
Gopher	Muskrat	Squirrel
Guinea Pig	Prairie Dog	Vole
Hamster	Rabbit	

[8] The animals listed above are rarely infected with rabies and have not been known to transmit rabies to humans. These species will not be tested except by special arrangement with MDHHS at (517) 335-8165. After 5:00 PM and on weekends, dial (517) 335-9030.