

## *STATE Rabies Laws*

Included in this report is STATE regulations ONLY. County and city laws affecting pets with regards to rabies vaccination and licensing are NOT included but just as vital to know and understand. Regulations vary pretty wildly from state to state, and LOCAL laws (counties and municipalities) vary as well. Local regulations, under law, can be stricter than laws at the State level, but they cannot be more lenient. Because of this, use regulations presented here for your state as a starting point in understanding the laws affecting you and your pet(s) and work down from there. DO NOT STOP HERE WITH YOUR RESEARCH. This information is intended only as a starting point.

I encourage EVERYONE to research, know and understand the laws affecting them and their pets. We, as pet owners, cannot rely on veterinarians, kennel operators, groomers, trainers, animal control officers or other pet professionals to educate us. We MUST educate ourselves to the fullest extent possible.

**DOGS** Of those states with regulations, I did not find any that did not require dogs to be vaccinated for rabies. Requirements vary from annual to triennial vaccination with age of initial vaccination ranging from 8 weeks to 6 months. States varied greatly in how they handled dogs that are unvaccinated or not current on rabies vaccinations.

**CATS** Some states have NO regulations about cats, but most do. Those that do have regulations affecting cats handle them in the same way as dogs for the most part. I only found one state that requires rabies vaccination of cats at a younger age than dogs. The others have the same age listed as the deadline for the initial rabies vaccination.

**FERRETS** Many states don't require ferrets to be vaccinated for rabies. Others require annual vaccination. Some states recognize vaccination of ferrets as valid in case of a bite or contact with a rabid animal, while others won't stand behind those vaccinations (whether they require them or not) and require testing (ie euthanasia and brain sampling) of any ferret who bites or comes into contact with a rabid animal. Some states tightly regulate them, while others barely give them mention. So the variation for ferrets is very wide. California and Hawaii both have standing bans on ferrets as pets.

**WOLF-HYBRIDS** I only found ONE (1) state that allows wolf-hybrids to be handled and vaccinated as dogs. Most states do not recognize the validity of any rabies vaccination of a wolf or wolf-hybrid because there are no vaccinations licensed for use in *Canis Lupus* or hybrids of that species. Many others actually have regulations making it ILLEGAL to vaccinate such animals using vaccinations approved for dogs. In cases where the vaccination is not recognized as valid, most states require immediate euthanasia of any hybrid who bites a person or is involved in any incident with a potentially or known rabid animal. If you have a wolf-hybrid, please make sure you know exactly what your state laws say with regards to rabies vaccinations and bite situations.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE MOVING TO ANOTHER STATE – Be aware that some states have pet importation laws that require a health certificate from your vet in order to legally move an animal across state lines. Health certificates vary from state to state in what they require. A few states have regulations requiring a pet (dog, cat and/or ferret) to have received a rabies vaccination within the last 12 months in order to be “legal” to move into that state. If your pet was last vaccinated more than 12 months ago, be aware you may be required to re-vaccinate when you move. BE SURE TO CHECK THE REGULATIONS OF ANY STATE YOU ARE MOVING TO. Look specifically for importation laws for this information.**

If you are moving to HAWAII, be aware that they have some of the strictest quarantine regulations imaginable. Information is available at: [http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai\\_aqs\\_info.htm](http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm) . Hawaii is a rabies-free state, and they enforce quarantine laws very strictly to make sure it stays that way.

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<b>State</b>	<b>How often?</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Ferrets</b>	<b>Exemptions?</b>	<b>Titers Required?</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Yes</b>							
<b>Alabama</b>	Annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No exemption provision
<a href="http://www.legislature.state.al.us/CodeofAlabama/1975/55302.htm">http://www.legislature.state.al.us/CodeofAlabama/1975/55302.htm</a>							
<b>Alaska</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No exemption provision. No vacc requirement for ferrets.
<a href="http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/b1991_12.htm">http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/b1991_12.htm</a> <a href="http://touchngo.com/iglcntr/akstats/AAC/Title07/Chapter027/Section020.htm">http://touchngo.com/iglcntr/akstats/AAC/Title07/Chapter027/Section020.htm</a>							
<b>Arizona</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authority given to local licensing authorities to make this decision - no state regulation either permitting nor forbidding them; some areas accept medical waivers, some only with titers; others refuse to accept medical waivers. No vacc requirement for cats or ferrets.
<a href="http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/11/01008.htm&amp;Title=11&amp;DocType=ARS">http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/11/01008.htm&amp;Title=11&amp;DocType=ARS</a> (licensing) <a href="http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/11/01010.htm&amp;Title=11&amp;DocType=ARS">http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/11/01010.htm&amp;Title=11&amp;DocType=ARS</a> (vaccination requirements)							
<b>Arkansas</b>	Annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not specified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not specified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No exemption provision. No requirement for vaccination of ferrets.
<a href="http://www.healthyarkansas.com/rules_regs/rabies.pdf">http://www.healthyarkansas.com/rules_regs/rabies.pdf</a>							
<b>California</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaccination of cat "advised" but not required. Ferrets banned in California.
<a href="http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/pdf/Approval%20Procedures%20for%20Canine%20Rabies%20Vaccine%204-04.pdf">http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/pdf/Approval%20Procedures%20for%20Canine%20Rabies%20Vaccine%204-04.pdf</a> (vaccine approval regulations) <a href="http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/pdf/2004%20CA%20Rabies%20Compendium.pdf">http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/pdf/2004%20CA%20Rabies%20Compendium.pdf</a>							
<b>Colorado</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laws are weird with no information given about how often vaccination must be used. No vacc requirement for ferrets.
<a href="http://www.ag.state.co.us/animals/HealthRequire4a.htm#Dogs">http://www.ag.state.co.us/animals/HealthRequire4a.htm#Dogs</a> <a href="http://www.cdphs.state.co.us/dc/Zoonosis/rabies/rabproc.pdf">http://www.cdphs.state.co.us/dc/Zoonosis/rabies/rabproc.pdf</a> <a href="http://198.187.128.12/colorado/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=s-main.htm&amp;2.0">http://198.187.128.12/colorado/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=s-main.htm&amp;2.0</a> (See Title 25, Article 4, Part 6 of the STATUTES)							
<b>Connecticut</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No exemption provision. Also require control of feral cats. Feral cats not registered and vaccinated are to be impounded. No vacc requirement for ferrets.
<a href="http://search.cga.state.ct.us/dtsearch_pub_statutes.html">http://search.cga.state.ct.us/dtsearch_pub_statutes.html</a>							
<b>Delaware</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No mention in the regulations about how often vaccinations to be given; no provision for medical exemptions. No vacc requirement for ferrets found.
<a href="http://www.delcode.state.de.us/title3/c082/index.htm">http://www.delcode.state.de.us/title3/c082/index.htm</a>							

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<b>District of Colum</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Also require distemper vaccinations by law . Nothing found to indicate how often vaccinations for either rabies or distemper required. No vacc requirement for ferrets found.
							<a href="http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/cw p/view ,a,1374,q,599966,dohNav_GID,1818.asp">http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/cw p/view ,a,1374,q,599966,dohNav_GID,1818.asp</a>
<b>Florida</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exemptions permitted by state law , but not all counties allow it. Re-vaccination of cats and ferrets per manu recommendations (if 1-yr product used, must be revaccinated annually.)
							<a href="http://w w w .leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View %20Statutes&amp;SubMenu=1&amp;App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;Search_String=&amp;URL=CH0828/Sec30.HTM">http://w w w .leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View %20Statutes&amp;SubMenu=1&amp;App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;Search_String=&amp;URL=CH0828/Sec30.HTM</a>
<b>Georgia</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> per manu.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> per manu.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> per manu.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	They allow vaccination down to 8 weeks of age if the manu label says it can be administered that young, otherwise it's 3 months of age. Also, state law allow s for annual revaccination "depending on the type of vaccine used." No provision for medical exemptions.
							<a href="http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/publications/manuals/rabies.01.pdf">http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/publications/manuals/rabies.01.pdf</a>
<b>Idaho</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provision for exemptions. Booster frequency regulated by the Rabies Compendium according to Idaho law . Notes if vaccination has "expired," the animals' vaccination protocol must be started over with a 1 yr vaccination follow ed WITHIN 1 yr with a 3 yr vaccination.
							<a href="http://w w w .healthandw elfare.idaho.gov/DesktopModules/DocumentsSortable/DocumentsSrtView .aspx?tabID=0&amp;ItemID=3255&amp;Mkd=11449&amp;w version=Staging">http://w w w .healthandw elfare.idaho.gov/DesktopModules/DocumentsSortable/DocumentsSrtView .aspx?tabID=0&amp;ItemID=3255&amp;Mkd=11449&amp;w version=Staging</a>
<b>Illinois</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No waivers permitted under state law . No vacc requirements for ferrets or cats found.
							<a href="http://w w w .agr.state.il.us/Law s/Regs/AnimalActReg.pdf">http://w w w .agr.state.il.us/Law s/Regs/AnimalActReg.pdf</a>
<b>Indiana</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provision for exemptions.
							<a href="http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/">http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/</a> <a href="http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/rabiesguidebook.pdf">http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/rabiesguidebook.pdf</a> <a href="http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/rabiesrule20061.pdf">http://w w w .in.gov/boah/rabies/rabiesrule20061.pdf</a> (regulations)
<b>Iowa</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No frequency of vaccination noted. Not required by law , but vaccination of cats is "encouraged." No vacc requirement for ferrets found.
							<a href="http://w w w .animallaw .info/statutes/stusiast351_1_43.htm#s33">http://w w w .animallaw .info/statutes/stusiast351_1_43.htm#s33</a> <a href="http://w w w .idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/epi_manual/rabies.pdf">http://w w w .idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/epi_manual/rabies.pdf</a>
<b>Kentucky</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State law allow s for annual vaccination, dependent on w hat vaccine is used (w hether licensed for annual or triennial use).
							<a href="http://w w w .lrc.state.ky.us/kar/902/002/070.htm">http://w w w .lrc.state.ky.us/kar/902/002/070.htm</a>

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<b>Louisiana</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 year permitted only if 3-yr licensed vaccine used. No vacc requirement for ferrets found.
		<a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/la.html">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/la.html</a> <a href="http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/51v01/51v01.pdf">http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/51v01/51v01.pdf</a>					
<b>Maine</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provision made for in the Clerk's handbook (link not working) for exemptions. No information available about age for first vaccination for ferrets.
		<a href="http://mainegov-images.informe.org/agriculture/ahi/Rabies%20Management%20Guide%202005.pdf">http://mainegov-images.informe.org/agriculture/ahi/Rabies%20Management%20Guide%202005.pdf</a> (Rabies Control Guidelines) <a href="http://mainegov-images.informe.org/agriculture/aw/documents/2005%20ANIMAL%20WELFARE%20LAW%20BOOK.pdf">http://mainegov-images.informe.org/agriculture/aw/documents/2005%20ANIMAL%20WELFARE%20LAW%20BOOK.pdf</a> (licensing and vaccination regulations - does not say how often vaccinations must be done)					
<b>Maryland</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exemptions determined on a case by case basis - form available from state. Frequency of vaccination determined by individual licensing agencies.
		<a href="http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusmdcode11_501_514.htm#s11_503">http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusmdcode11_501_514.htm#s11_503</a>					
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State requires vaccinating per the manufacturers' recommendations, but no medical waivers permitted for. Ferrets vaccinated annually, but dogs and cats can be done triennially.
		<a href="http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/140-145b.htm">http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/140-145b.htm</a> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epi/rabies/rabdcf.htm">http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epi/rabies/rabdcf.htm</a>					
<b>Michigan</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 w ks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provisions for exemptions.
		<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25807_26085-74983--,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25807_26085-74983--,00.html</a>					
<b>Minnesota</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 w ks or 3 mo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 w ks or 3 mo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 w ks or 3 mo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State law is wide open, requiring vaccination per manufacturer's instructions but no specifics required by law. Age at which first vacc is given is based on which shot and the manufacturer's recommendation for that particular vaccine
		<a href="http://www.bah.state.mn.us/diseases/rabies/rabies_rules.pdf">http://www.bah.state.mn.us/diseases/rabies/rabies_rules.pdf</a>					
<b>Mississippi</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend ferrets be vaccinated but not required by law.
		<a href="http://www.mbah.state.ms.us/Rabies/rabieslaws.htm">http://www.mbah.state.ms.us/Rabies/rabieslaws.htm</a>					
<b>Nevada</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exemption provisions made. Ferrets vaccinated annually (only 1-yr vaccinations licensed for use in ferrets as of 2005).
		<a href="http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-441A.html#NAC441A435">http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-441A.html#NAC441A435</a>					

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<b>New Hampshire</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Animals must be vaccinated within 30 days after they reach 3 months of age, thus by 4 months of age. "Every dog, cat, and ferret shall be revaccinated at such intervals and with such vaccines as the commissioner shall specify from time to time." No provision found for medical exemptions.  <a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/RSA/html/XL436/436-100.htm">http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/RSA/html/XL436/436-100.htm</a>
<b>New Jersey</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No vacc requirement for cats or ferrets.  <a href="http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusnjst4_19_1_4_19A_17.htm#licensing">http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusnjst4_19_1_4_19A_17.htm#licensing</a>
<b>New Mexico</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provision for exemptions found.  <a href="http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusnmst77_1_1_19.htm#s3">http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusnmst77_1_1_19.htm#s3</a>
<b>New York</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/ny.html">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/ny.html</a> <a href="http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AVDoglic.html">http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AVDoglic.html</a> <a href="http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/zoonoses/phlrab.htm">http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/zoonoses/phlrab.htm</a> (NYS regulations)
<b>North Carolina</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	"The time or times of vaccination shall be established by the Commission." - no information on booster frequency found.  <a href="http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/rabies/pdf/RabiesLaw%20s0506session.pdf">http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/rabies/pdf/RabiesLaw%20s0506session.pdf</a>
<b>North Dakota</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="http://www.health.state.nd.us/Disease/Rabies/rabieslaw.htm">http://www.health.state.nd.us/Disease/Rabies/rabieslaw.htm</a> (speaks about Rabies law, but the link to the law doesn't work) <a href="http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t23c36.pdf">http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t23c36.pdf</a>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provisions for exemptions.  <a href="http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cdd/Chapter599%20Rabies%20Rules%20Approved%20July%2013%202000%20Distribution%20copy.pdf">http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cdd/Chapter599%20Rabies%20Rules%20Approved%20July%2013%202000%20Distribution%20copy.pdf</a>
<b>Oregon</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No vaccination requirements for cats or ferrets.  <a href="http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusorst433_340_609_994.htm#s433_365">http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusorst433_340_609_994.htm#s433_365</a>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can find no provision for medical exemptions. No vacc requirement for ferrets.  <a href="http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=127956">http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=127956</a>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Bi-Annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> per manu.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> per manu.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ferrets must be vaccinated annually; dogs and cats bi-annually. No exemptions provisions found.  <a href="http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE4/4-13/INDEX.HTM">http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE4/4-13/INDEX.HTM</a> (regulations re: DOGS only) <a href="http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/agric/rabsupp.pdf">http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/agric/rabsupp.pdf</a> (rabies control regulations) <a href="http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/f_w_feret.pdf">http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/f_w_feret.pdf</a> (FERRETS only)

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<b>South Carolina</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information in state law s about age of initial vaccination or how often vaccinations must be administered.  <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t47c005.htm">http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t47c005.htm</a> <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t47c003.htm">http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t47c003.htm</a>
<b>Tennessee</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State law calls for compliance with Rabies Compendium; no provision for medical exemptions.  <a href="http://198.187.128.12/tennessee/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=fs-main.htm&amp;2.0">http://198.187.128.12/tennessee/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=fs-main.htm&amp;2.0</a> (See Chapter 8 of Tennessee Code)
<b>Texas</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some areas in the state STILL require annual vaccination.
<b>Vermont</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulations allow for wolf-hybrids as though they were dogs. (The only state I've seen that has this allowance.) No vacc requirement for cats or ferrets.
<b>Virginia</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Found nothing specifying frequency of vaccination; no provision for medical exemptions.  <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+3.1-796.97C1">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+3.1-796.97C1</a> (specific to rabies inoculation) <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC0301000002700004000000">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC0301000002700004000000</a> (all animal related regulations)
<b>Washington</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State regulations point to the Rabies Compendium for specifics of vaccinating pets.  <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/notify/guidelines/rabies.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/notify/guidelines/rabies.htm</a> <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/1997-98/house/2675-2699/2681_011698.txt">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/1997-98/house/2675-2699/2681_011698.txt</a>
<b>West Virginia</b>	Bi-Annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 mos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No provision made for exemptions.  <a href="http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/19/WVC%2019%20-%2020%20A-%2020%202%2020.htm">http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/19/WVC%2019%20-%2020%20A-%2020%202%2020.htm</a>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Triennially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical exemption law s pending.... PASSED!!!
<b>No</b>							
<b>Hawaii</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Though they have some of the most severe quarantine law s imagineable, I could find no reference to any requirement to vaccinate residing animals for rabies. Ferrets banned in Hawaii, so no rabies vacc regs.  <a href="http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm">http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm</a> (import requirements - EXTENSIVE)
<b>Kansas</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State regulations do not cover licensing and rabies vaccination of pets, so most likely left up to the individual licensing and animal control agencies.  <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/28-1-13.pdf">http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/28-1-13.pdf</a> (handling potentially rabid animals/pets) <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/rabies_manual_2005.pdf">http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/rabies_manual_2005.pdf</a> (rabies control guidelines)

<i>State</i>	<i>How often?</i>	<i>Species and Age Vaccination First Required</i>			<i>Exemptions?</i>	<i>Titers Required?</i>	<i>Comments</i>
		<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Ferrets</i>			
<b>Missouri</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies regulations left up to "local animal control ordinances." State site only reiterates the importance of vaccinating cats and dogs against rabies in accordance with those local ordinances and the Rabies Compendium.
	<a href="http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Rabies/">http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Rabies/</a>						
<b>Montana</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appear to follow the Rabies Compendium on top of leaving regulation to the local licensing agencies. State regulations about handling animals that have bitten people or been bitten by rabid animal, but nothing about vaccination of pets.
	<a href="http://mt.gov/liv/animalhealth/diseases/rabies/rabies_arm.pdf">http://mt.gov/liv/animalhealth/diseases/rabies/rabies_arm.pdf</a> <a href="http://mt.gov/liv/animalhealth/diseases/rabies/prevention.asp">http://mt.gov/liv/animalhealth/diseases/rabies/prevention.asp</a>						
<b>Nebraska</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No state regulations found except for importation of pets.
	<a href="http://www.agr.state.ne.us/regulate/bai/tilac.htm#9">http://www.agr.state.ne.us/regulate/bai/tilac.htm#9</a> (Regulations re: importation of animals)						
<b>Ohio</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies vaccination and licensing regulation under the full authority of individual counties. No state regulations on such matters. Not all counties require rabies vaccination, so check with the county in question.
<b>South Dakota</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could find no regulations at the state level.
<b>Utah</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could find no regulations at the state level.
<b>Wyoming</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No state rabies vaccination law, however, new "rule" passed requires euthanasia of any unvaccinated dog involved in bite incident or bitten by rabid animal. This "rule" has been challenged and there appear to be plans to change it from requiring euthanasia to a 10-day quarantine.

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