



Interagency Workgroup: Zoonotic Rules

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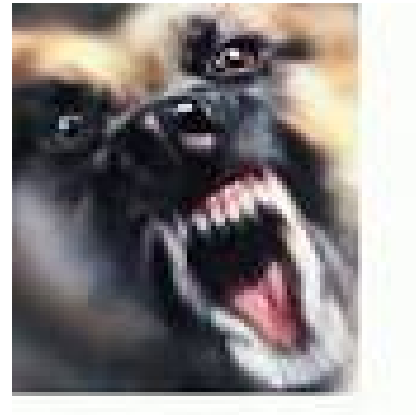
Rule Revision Goals

- Strengthen Public Health's role in protecting the public
- To improve the rules for statewide consistency:
 - Clarify and strengthen existing rules
 - Include current standards
 - Enhance Local Health Officer authority

Resources

- Original WAC
- DOH Core Workgroup
- Compendia
- ZD and Exotic Pets: PH Policy Analysis
- King County Code, Title 11, Animal Care and Control
- Other resources

Rabies



Rabies

- Rabies regulations are currently in **WAC 246-100-191, Animals, birds, pets – Measures to prevent human disease**

Rabies

Proposal

- Create a separate section pertaining only to rabies
- Move rabies-specific requirements from WAC 246-100-191 to new rabies section
- New section **WAC 246-100-196, Rabies – Measures to prevent human disease**

Rabies - Original WAC

- Definitions
- Department of Agriculture regulates importation and interstate movement of specific animals
- Prohibits importation and interstate movement of specific animals
- Local Health Officer actions for rabid animals, other than bats
- Animal rabies testing requirements
- Laboratory reporting requirement

Rabies – DOH Core Workgroup

- Intent
- Definitions
- Addition of hybrids and ferrets
- Clarification of requirements (interstate movement)
- Local governing bodies allowed to be more stringent than state rules

Rabies – DOH Core Workgroup

The intent of the state of Washington is to protect the public against rabies, a serious public health disease. Many of the statutes in this chapter are based upon the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarian's *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2008*. A copy of this publication is available for review at the department and each local health department.

Rabies – Compendium

- Definitions
- Animal owner and caretaker requirements
- Local Health Officer procedures for unvaccinated animals suspected of being exposed to a rabid or suspected rabid animal
- Restrictions on importation and interstate movement of dogs from areas known to have dog-to-dog rabies transmission

Rabies - Compendium

Definitions

- Domestic animal means
- Laboratory-based rabies surveillance means
- Rabies diagnosis means

Rabies – King County Code

- Definitions
- Vaccination requirements
- Isolation requirements for unvaccinated animals suspected of being exposed to a rabid or suspected rabid animal
- Reporting animal bites to Local Health Officer

Rabies – King County Code

Definitions

- Animal control authority means
- Caretaker means
- Cat means

Rabies

- Discussion

Psittacosis



Psittacosis

- Psittacosis regulations are currently in **WAC 246-100-201, Birds – Measures to prevent psittacosis**
- Propose to maintain as a separate section of rule

Psittacosis – Original WAC

- Definitions
- Identification and record retention requirements for selling, trading, or transferring birds
- Requirements for public exhibition of birds
- Local Health Officer enforcement authority pertaining to nonpsittacine birds when investigating human cases of psittacosis

Psittacosis - DOH Core Workgroup

- Intent
- Additional definitions
- Vendor requirements to prevent transmission of *C. psittaci* to humans and birds
- Responsibilities of bird owners, physicians, and veterinarians

Psittacosis - DOH Core Workgroup

The intent of the state of Washington is to protect the public against psittacosis and prevent avian chlamydiosis in birds.

Psittacosis - DOH Core Workgroup

Definitions

- Owner means
- Local Health Officer means
- Avian chlamydiosis means

Psittacosis - Compendium

- Vendor requirements for treating and caring for infected and exposed birds
- Epidemiologic investigation to control transmission of *C. psittaci* by Local Health Officer
- Vendor requirements for quarantine and treatment of affected and exposed birds

Psittacosis

- Discussion



Animals in Public Settings





Animals in Public Settings

Currently there are few rule requirements pertaining to animals in public settings found in **WAC 246-100-191, Animals, birds, pets – Measures to prevent human disease.**

Animals in Public Settings

Proposal

- Create a separate section of rule, **WAC 246-100-192, Animals in public settings – Measures to prevent human disease**
- Maintain the current requirement to exhibit birds in a manner preventing human exposure.

Animals in Public Settings – DOH Core workgroup

- Intent
- Additional Definitions
- Clarification of requirements (ensuring consistent requirements at local, state, and federal levels)
- Compliance with local health officer

Animals in Public Settings – DOH Core workgroup

The intent of the state of Washington is to protect the public from diseases transmitted to humans from animals in public settings. Many of the requirements in this section are based upon the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarian's *Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2008*. A copy of this publication is available for review at the department and each local health department.

Animals in Public Settings – DOH Core workgroup

Definitions

- Public settings means
- Hand wash station means
- Proper hand washing means
- Live-birth exhibits means

Animals in Public Settings – King County Code (Title 11)

- Definitions
- Clarification of requirements (ensuring consistent requirements at local, state, and federal levels)

Animals in Public Settings – Compendium

- Definitions
- Animal venue operator requirements
- Animal exhibitor requirements
- Clarification of requirements (ensuring consistent requirements at local, state, and federal levels)
- Veterinarian reporting requirements

Animals in Public Settings

- Discussion

Animals - General Measures



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Requirements are currently in

**WAC 246-100-191, Animals, birds, pets
– Measures to prevent human disease**

Animals - General Measures

Proposal

- Maintain a separate section of rule with new title, **WAC 246-100-191, Animals – Measures to prevent human disease**
- Maintain prohibition on
 - Selling milk, meat, hides, and hair from animals infected with anthrax
 - Selling or distributing live turtles with a carapace length of less than four inches

Animals – General Measures

DOH Core Workgroup

- Intent
- Definitions
- Vender written notification requirements
- Local Health Officer enforcement authority



Animals – General Measures

DOH Core Workgroup

The intent of the state of Washington is to protect the public from acquiring diseases and injuries from animals.

Animals – General Measures

DOH Core Workgroup

Definitions

- Amphibian means
- Carapace means
- Immune compromised means

Animals – General Measures

Other Resources

Definition

- Turtles means all animals commonly know as turtles, tortoises, terrapins, and all other animals of the order Testudinata, class Reptilia, except marine species.

Animals – General Measures

- Discussion