

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Number: **02-18-5204**
Service: **Research**
Operating Section: **Clinical Medicine**
Unit: **CMF**
Title: **Animal Bites and Rabies Observation**

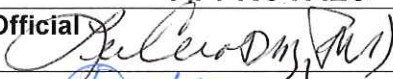

Purpose:

To provide a method of precautionary observation of animals which have bitten faculty or staff to ensure that the risk of rabies transmission is minimal.

Procedure:

- 1) Any faculty or staff member that has been bitten by a research animal must report to the CMF office to identify the animal. These employees will be advised to report to Employee/Student Health for examination of the wound and to determine if any further medical attention is necessary.
- 2) State law requires the holding and observation of any animal that has been involved in a bite incident. A Cook County Bite Report will be completed by the Clinical Veterinarian/CMF, on the first and final day of the observation period. At each time-point the form will be faxed to the Animal and Rabies Control office at (708) 974-6046, who enforce compliance for bite protocols.
- 3) If a bite (scratch) occurs:
 - a) The biting animal must be examined by a veterinarian immediately and the veterinarian must be informed that the animal was involved in a bite incident.
 - b) The biting animal must not be killed, sold, moved, used in an experimental protocol or otherwise disposed of.
- 4) If the animal is healthy at the end of the observation period, the animal is released and experimental protocols can resume as usual. If the animal becomes unhealthy, dies, or is euthanized during this period, additional testing of the animal at Cook County Animal and Rabies Control is required.
- 5) Research procedures will be suspended during the 10 day period to avoid any potential medical variables, at the discretion of the Clinical Veterinarian/CMF.

APPROVALS

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