Exposure Definition: any situation where saliva or central nervous system tissue from a rabid or high risk animal did or could have had direct contact with the mucus membranes or a break in the skin of a domestic animal. Any high risk animal that is not available for testing should be presumed positive.

DOG/CAT/FERRET EXPOSED

Fits Exposure Definition†

NO

No Further Action

YES

Exposing Animal Available for Testing

YES

NO

Report exposure to your local health department or animal control agency

Exposing Animal Available for Testing

NO

No Further Action

Positive

Dog / Cat / Ferret Currently Vaccinated

No Further Action

Negative

Revaccinate and Confine and Observe* 45 days

Sick or abnormal during confinement?

YES

Contact local health department and exam by a veterinarian

Signs compatible with rabies?

NO

NO

Continue Confinement or Isolation

YES

Euthanize or up to 6 Months Strict Isolation**

Sick or abnormal during isolation?

YES

Follow algorithm for confinement

† See text for high and low risk animals

* See text for definition of confinement

** See text for information about strict isolation and animals with expired vaccinations

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