**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.*

![Decision Tree Diagram]

1. **Fits Exposure Definition**
   - **NO** → **No Further Action**
   - **YES** → **Report exposure to your local health department or animal control agency**

2. **Exposing Animal Available for Testing**
   - **NO** → **No Further Action**
   - **YES**
     - **Negative** → **No Further Action**
     - **Positive**
       - **NO** → **Dog / Cat / Ferret Currently Vaccinated**
         - **YES** → **Revaccinate and Confine and Observe**\(^{**}45\) days
         - **NO** → **Euthanize or up to 6 Months Strict Isolation**\(^{***}\)

3. **Sick or abnormal during confinement?**
   - **YES** → **Contact local health department and exam by a veterinarian**
   - **NO** → **Signs compatible with rabies?**
     - **NO** → **Continue Confinement or Isolation**
     - **YES** → **Euthanize; need for testing determined by local health department**

4. **Sick or abnormal during isolation?**
   - **YES** → **Follow algorithm for confinement**
   - **NO** → **Continue Confinement or Isolation**

* See guidelines for definitions of high and low risk animals
** See guidelines for definition of confinement
*** See guidelines for information about strict isolation and animals with expired vaccinations

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