**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.

**LIVESTOCK RABIES EXPOSURE DECISION TREE**

- **Fits Exposure Definition**
  - **NO** → **No Further Action**
  - **YES** → **Exposing Animal Available for Testing**
    - **NO** → **Report exposure to your local health department or animal control agency**
    - **YES** →
      - **Negative** → **No Further Action**
      - **Positive** → **Livestock Currently Vaccinated**
        - **NO** → **Slaughter or observe for up to 6 months**
        - **YES** → **Revaccinate and observe** for 45 days

*Note:* Action determined by local health department and response may vary.

**Note:** If clinical signs develop in livestock species under observation due to a rabies exposure, the animal(s) should be examined by a veterinarian. The local health department should also be notified and will determine the course of action.

* See guidelines text for list of high and low risk animals
** See guidelines text for more information about protocols for exposed livestock and observation description

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