

## List of Acronyms, Abbreviations and Definitions

The following list is not intended to be all-inclusive. It is, however, a short list of acronyms or terms likely to be used in this document and other publications on rabies.

- **ACIP** – Advisory Committee Immunization Practices
- **APHIS**-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- **BADL**-Bronson Animal Diagnostic Laboratory formerly Kissimmee Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (KADL)
- **BEPHM** – Bureau of Environmental Public Health Medicine (DOH)
- **BPHL** – Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (DOH)
- **BPHP**-Bureau of Public Health Pharmacy (DOH)
- **CDC** – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **CHD** – County Health Department
- **Class I Wildlife** – Animals that should not be owned as personal pets.
- **Class II Wildlife** – Animals considered being a real or potential threat to human safety.
- **Confinement** – Being kept apart from people and other animals by fence, cage or on a leash under the control of a person using proper animal handling procedures to minimize potential exposure, subject to the approval of the CHD director/administrator, or designee, of both the particular confinement and the particular person in control of the animal. The termination of confinement is subject to the approval of the CHD director/administrator or designee. All times for confinement are calculated from the date of exposure.
- **FDACS** – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- **DCBE** – (Division of Disease Control and Health Protection) Bureau of Epidemiology (DOH)
- **DEP** – Department of Environmental Protection
- **DEH** – Department of Environmental Health
- **DFA**-Direct fluorescent antibody test for rabies also referred to as FRA- The most common diagnostic tool for rabies analysis; 98% accuracy rate.
- **DOH** – Florida Department of Health
- **Domestic animal** – Any dogs, cats, and ferrets.
- **Excitatory phase** – Often called” furious” rabies where the animal displays classic aggression.
- **Exposure**- Any bite, scratch or other contact in which saliva or nervous tissue of a Rabid Animal or a Suspect Rabid Animal enters an open wound, or comes into contact with the mucous membranes by entering the eye, nose or mouth of another animal or person.
- **F.A.C.** – Florida Administrative Code
- **FDA-Food and Drug Administration**
- **FRA** – Fluorescent Rabies Antibody test also referred to as DFA - The most common diagnostic tool for rabies analysis; 98% accuracy rate.
- **F.S.** – Florida Statute
- **FSIS** – Food Safety Inspection Service of USDA
- **FMA**-Florida Medical Association
- **FOMA**-Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- **FVMA**-Florida Medical Association
- **FWC** – Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- **HDCV** – Human diploid cell vaccine, Imovax™
- **Home confinement** – An immunized dog, cat or ferret may be placed under confinement on the owner's premises as determined by the CHD director/administrator or designee.
- **HRIG** – Human rabies immune globulin, Immogam™

- **Hyperesthesia** – Extreme sensitivity to touch or other sensory stimuli.
- **IM**-Intramuscular or injection into the muscle.
- **Isolation** – Confinement of a domestic animal or livestock suspected to have exposed a person, domestic animal, or livestock to rabies. The isolation period is determined from the date of rabies exposure.
- **KSU**-Kansas State University
- **Livestock** – Any non-feral horse, cattle, sheep, goat, or pig.
- **MMWR**-Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
- **MAB** – Monoclonal antibody
- **Morbidity period** - The time from onset of clinical signs until death.
- **NASPHV**-National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians
- **Neurotropic** – Having an affinity for the nervous system.
- **Off-label** – The use of a prescription drug to treat a disease or condition for which the drug has not been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.
- **ORV** – Oral rabies vaccine
- **PAHO**-Pan American Health Organization
- **Paralytic phase** – Often called “dumb” rabies.
- **PEP** – Rabies Post-exposure prophylaxis
- **PCEC** – Purified chick embryo culture vaccine, RabAvert ®
- **Photophobia** – Fear of light.
- **Pica** – Perverted appetite (e.g., eating fecal material, rocks, sticks).
- **Prodrome** – The time *prior* to onset of symptoms when the animal is infectious without showing overt signs/symptoms of rabies.
- **Provoked exposure/attack** – Any incident where the animal has bitten or scratched due to fear, feeding, maternal territoriality, or defense of family members.
- **Quarantine** – Confinement of a domestic animal or livestock exposed to a suspect rabid animal. The quarantine period is determined from the date of rabies exposure.
- **RAC**-Florida Rabies Advisory Committee
- **Rabid animal** – Any animal that tests positive for rabies.
- **Rabies exposure** – A rabies exposure is any bite, scratch, or other contact in which saliva or nervous tissue of a suspect or known rabid animal enters an open wound, or comes in contact with mucous membranes by entering the eye, mouth, or nose of another animal or person.
- **Rabies test** – Refers to a rabies DFA test performed by the state public health laboratory or other facility approved by the Department for such purpose.
- **RFFIT** – Rapid fluorescent focus inhibition test; a type of virus neutralization assay
- **Suspect rabid animal** – In the absence of a test result, any animal reasonably believed by the CHD director/administrator or designee to be rabid, based on animal species, symptoms, behavior, and vaccination status.
- **Temporal** – Relating to time.
- **Unvaccinated animal** – Any wild animal; any domestic or livestock animal that has never been vaccinated for rabies or is of unknown vaccination status; or any domestic or livestock animal that is not currently vaccinated according to the schedule for which the vaccine is licensed (one day or more past the labeled immunity period).
- **USDA APHIS AC**- United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Animal Care
- **USDA APHIS VS** – United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Services

- **USDA APHIS WS**-United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services
- **Vaccinated** – For a domestic animal, means that such animal is currently vaccinated for rabies in accordance with the requirements of section 828.30, F.S. For any other animal, “vaccinated” means such animal received the FDA-approved rabies vaccine from a licensed veterinarian consistent with the vaccine label and is within the duration of immunity granted per the vaccine label.
- **Wild animal** – Any animal that is a mammal and neither a domestic animal nor livestock. Any animal that is a cross between a wild animal and a domestic animal shall be treated as a wild animal.
- **WHO**-World Health Organization