

## **Issues to be Addressed in Government–Sponsored Oral Rabies Vaccine Proposal**

### **BACKGROUND**

Describe the:

- History of rabies in area
- Habitats in the area of the proposed baiting
- Estimates of human and companion animal populations in the area
- Support for the project from local community and political groups with an interest in rabies control
- Rationale for use of oral rabies vaccine in this situation including expected outcome

### **PRE-BAITING EVALUATION**

Describe how population studies/estimates of target species for vaccination will be done to find out the:

- Background levels of biomarker in target and non-target species
- Background levels of rabies antibodies in target and non-target species
- In case placebo baiting trials have been performed, describe here

### **VACCINE PACKAGE**

Description of bait and rationale for use of this particular product.

### **VACCINE DISTRIBUTION**

Describe the proposed:

- Vaccine distribution mode (airplane, helicopter, vehicle, or foot) with rationale
- Bait density (even distribution or targeted) with rationale
- Timing (time of year, frequency) with rationale
- Duration – estimate of number of years needed to continue (long-term commitment needed)
- Contingency plans if a rabid animal is identified in the baited area

### **POST-BAITING EVALUATION**

Describe how the following will be evaluated:

- Distribution and frequency of positive rabies cases
- Biomarker levels in target and non-target species after baiting
- Antibody levels in target and non-target species after baiting

### **STAFFING**

Describe how staff will be selected, trained and monitored.

Significant professional oversight by a veterinarian and wildlife biologist will be needed.

Describe how these services will be obtained.

### **COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES**

Partnerships are very important for the vaccination project to succeed.

Describe your partnerships with:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- US Department of Agriculture
- Florida Department of Health (including neighboring county health departments)
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Animal Control officials
- Law Enforcement officials

**PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN**

How public will be notified

Who will handle calls from public

**SAFETY**

How the human and animal medical community will be notified and educated.

What recommendations will be given for humans and animals exposed to vaccine

Any special recommendations for immunocompromised persons exposed to vaccine

**BUDGET**

Estimated costs for the program

Sources of funding

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY**

**Should be submitted**

**Submit request to Rabies Advisory Committee**

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