



# NOTICE

## To Owners of Biting Animals

An animal in your charge has bitten, or is suspected of, biting the person named below. With any bite incident, the concern is with the possible transmission of rabies.

**DO NOT DESTROY THE ANIMAL! Under no circumstances is the carcass of a dead animal suspected of biting someone to be buried or otherwise disposed of until released by health personnel or a veterinarian.**

**Under the authority of the Public Health Act, 1994, we require that your animal be isolated and kept under observation for a period of 10 days from the date of the reported bite. The animal is not to be removed from the home until released by the Community Health Nurse or Environmental Health Officer at the end of the observation period. Should the animal become ill, start to behave abnormally, die or escape from confinement during the observation period, the Community Health Nurse or Environmental Health Officer must be notified immediately.**

As long as the animal is known to be alive and in good health 10 days after the biting incident, it will not be necessary for the bitten person to have the anti-rabies treatment. Should an animal be destroyed before the 10 day period ends, or should it escape from custody, the person bitten may have to go through the ordeal of anti-rabies treatment needlessly. This involves a minimum of 6 needles over one month.

### INCIDENT INFORMATION

Person Bitten: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Bite/Scratch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Bite (on Person): \_\_\_\_\_ Location Bite Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Animal: Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F Has Animal Had Rabies Vaccination?  N  Y Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand the above and will comply with the confinement request.**