

**DECLINE of RABIES VACCINE**

“<animal>” <last-name> <age> <breed>

I am declining the rabies vaccine for the above patient:

I have initialed below acknowledging that I have read and understood each section of the NH State Law regarding rabies vaccination.

**Section 436:100**

\_\_\_\_\_ **436:100 Rabies Vaccination Required; Exemption. –**

I. “\_” every dog, cat, and ferret 3 months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Every dog, cat, and ferret shall be revaccinated at “appropriate intervals after the initial vaccination”.

II. A rabies immunization exemption may be issued “on the recommendation of a veterinarian” and “shall also be signed by an ACV Internal Medicine diplomat and the state veterinarian”. Exempted animals shall not be allowed outdoors without being on a leash and shall be under the direct physical control of an adult owner at all times. In addition, when the animal is outdoors, it shall be muzzled in a manner approved by the local rabies control authority.

**Section 436:105**

\_\_\_\_\_ **436:105 Impoundment of Dog Rabies Suspects. –**

I. Any dog “symptomatic of rabies” which has bitten a person “or any nonbite exposure” shall be immediately euthanized and “tested for rabies at the owners expense”.

II. Any apparently healthy dog not vaccinated in accordance with RSA 436:100, or “with unknown vaccine status” shall be seized and impounded under the supervision of the local authorities for a period of not less than 10 days. “It will be examined at the end of the 10 days and its future determined by that exam”. It shall be the responsibility of the owner for any expense for the examination, “impoundment, and possible rabies testing”.

**Section 436:105-a**

\_\_\_\_\_ **436:105-a Impoundment of Cat Rabies Suspects. –**

I. Any cat “symptomatic of rabies” which has bitten a person “or any nonbite exposure” shall be immediately euthanized and “tested for rabies at the owners expense”.

II. Any apparently healthy cat not vaccinated in accordance with RSA 436:100, or “with unknown vaccine status” shall be seized and impounded under the supervision of the local authorities for a period of not less than 10 days. “It will be examined at the end of the 10 days and its future determined by that exam”. It shall be the responsibility of the owner for any expense for the examination, “impoundment, and possible rabies testing”.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER / AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_

<date>

<first-name> <last-name>