



## Public Health

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College of Veterinarians of Ontario  
2106 Gordon Street  
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Dear Doctor;

**Re: Reporting animal biting incidents to public health**

Under the new Ontario Public Health Standards health units are mandated to periodically inform veterinarians, physicians, police departments, animal control agencies and other appropriate reporting groups of the reporting/notification process for rabies outlined in Ontario Regulation 557, section 2(1). Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) is taking this opportunity to remind you of the necessity to promptly report animal biting incidents to our office when you become aware of them.

During normal business hours you can call 519-846-2715 or 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2673 to report biting incidents. WDGPH also operates an after-hours on call system to allow reporting outside of our normal hours of operation and on a 24/7 basis. Enclosed is a copy of our newer, simpler reporting form that captures all the basic information we need to conduct a follow up investigation when a bite is reported.

Our website ([www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca](http://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca)) also contains useful information about rabies and links to various other information sources.

WDGPH sincerely appreciates the excellent relationships we have developed with the veterinarians in the community. Our hope is that together we can continue to investigate biting incidents in a timely manner and provide protection against rabies to the residents of Ontario.

Yours truly,

Scott Hutchison, BAsC, MES, CPHI (C)  
Manager, Health Protection

# Rabies Exposure Report

Reported by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Information	Victim Information
Owner Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
Phone No.: _____	Phone No.: _____
Type of Animal: Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Bat <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____
Details of Incident: _____ _____ _____	Name of Guardian: _____
	Type of Exposure: Bite <input type="checkbox"/> Scratch <input type="checkbox"/>
	Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
	Location of Wound: _____

### Fax Numbers

Please fax to appropriate fax number below based on municipality/township of **animal owner**. If unknown, fax to nearest office.

Fergus Office (519) 846-0323	Guelph Office (519) 836-7215	Orangeville Office (519) 941-1600
Fergus Elora Palmerston Arthur Mount Forest Harriston Drayton Clifford	Guelph Erin Rockwood Hillsburgh Aberfoyle Morrison Eden Mills Puslinch	Orangeville Shelburne Grand Valley Dufferin County

**\*DO NOT destroy the animal prior to speaking with a Public Health Inspector.\***

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act. This information will be used for the delivery of public health programs and services; the administration of the agency; and the maintenance of health-care databases, registries and related research, in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Any questions about the collection of this information should be addressed to the Director of Corporate Support Services.



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