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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

RABIES VACCINATION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10 Animals, Article II Rabies Control, Section 10-41 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 10-41. Rabies Vaccination.

(a) Every owner, except animal shelters, animal impounding facilities, and laboratory animal facilities, of a dog, cat or ferret four months or more of age shall cause such animal to be inoculated with a rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian at such intervals as approved by the State Department of Agriculture. The rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the State Department of Agriculture.

(b) Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Veterinarians who inoculate an animal shall procure from the County Department of Animal and Rabies Control serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. Only one animal shall be included on each certificate. Upon change of ownership application shall be made for a new inoculation certificate. Such tags shall be attached to the collar or harness worn by the animal for which the tag was issued when the animal is off the property of the owner. The cost of the tags shall be as set out in Section 32-1 for a one-year tag and for a three-year tag. The tag fees shall be paid to the Department and transferred to the County Treasurer on the last day of each month.

(c) The Administrator shall have the authority to share information pertaining to rabies vaccination of animals with other government agencies, provided that such agencies agree to safeguard the integrity and confidentiality of such information in accordance with applicable law, and to inform the Administrator prior to providing any third party with such information.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.