

**Animals (Diseases and Importation)**  
**ANIMALS (DISEASES) (RABIES) REGULATIONS,**  
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Made by the Minister under section 12 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act.

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951.

**1A.** For the purposes of these regulations, "Inspector" includes any person authorised, whether generally or for the specific purpose, to assist the Senior Veterinary Officer in the carrying out of his various duties under the Act or under these regulations.

**2.** (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies or the carcass of an animal so affected or suspected shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal being, or having been, so affected or suspected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon who upon examining any animal or the carcass of any animal is of the opinion or suspects that such animal is or was when it died or was slaughtered affected with rabies shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such constable upon receiving such notice shall forthwith transmit the information to the Senior Veterinary Officer and to the Inspector.

**3.** (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge a dog or cat or any carcass thereof affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies shall forthwith detain and isolate in a kennel, shed or other building—

(a) the dog or cat or carcass thereof so affected or suspected;

(b) any other dog or cat or other animal which has been in contact with any such affected or suspected dog or cat,

until any isolation notice served on him under paragraph (2) (a) or (2) (b) of this regulation has been withdrawn.

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(2) An Inspector having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of rabies shall forthwith make a report thereof to the Senior Veterinary Officer (if this has not already been done by the constable in charge of the police station) and shall proceed with all practicable speed to the place where such disease exists or is suspected to exist, and shall forthwith serve on the owner or person in charge of any dog or cat or carcass thereof affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies—

- (a) an isolation notice in the Form 1 in the Schedule to these regulations; and
- (b) in any case in which any other dog or cat or any other animal has been in contact with such dog or cat or any carcass thereof, an isolation notice in one or other of the Forms 2, 3, or 4 in the Schedule to these regulations, as the case may be.

(3) A notice under this regulation shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a further notice in writing signed by the Inspector in the Form 5 in the Schedule to these regulations.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a dog or cat shall be deemed to have been in contact with another dog or cat or with the carcass thereof if it has, in the opinion of the Inspector, in any manner been exposed to the risk of infection.

4. (1) Where information is received by an Inspector of the existence or suspected existence of rabies in any animal or carcass, he or some other Inspector under the Act shall, with a view to ascertaining the correctness of such information, forthwith examine the animal or carcass.

(2) An Inspector shall perform a *post mortem* examination on the carcass of every animal which he has reason to suspect was, at the time when it died or was slaughtered, affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies; and unless he is satisfied as a result of his enquiry that the animal was not so affected when it died or was slaughtered, he shall forthwith forward to the Senior Veterinary Officer such information and material in such manner as may be required by the Senior Veterinary Officer, who shall cause an examination thereof to be made and a certificate of the result of such examination to be given.

(3) The result of an examination under paragraph (2) of

this regulation shall be communicated to the constable in charge of the nearest police station and to the owner or person in charge of the carcass.

5. The constable in charge of the nearest police station shall seize, detain and isolate every dog or cat which is affected with, or is suspected of being affected with, rabies or which is shown to the satisfaction of an inspector to have been bitten by a dog or cat so affected or suspected of being affected.

6. (1) Where the owner or other person in charge of any dog or cat fails to comply with the terms of any notice under paragraph (2) of regulation 3, an Inspector may seize the animal and shall detain and isolate it at such place as he may direct at the expense of the owner or other person in charge of the animal.

(2) Where any animal has been detained and isolated by an Inspector in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation, the owner or other person in charge of the animal shall within fourteen days after demand in writing by such Inspector has been made, requiring him to take charge of the animal and to pay the expenses of detaining and isolating such animal, pay such expenses and remove such animal.

(3) Where the owner or person in charge of an animal fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, the Inspector may destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal and may institute proceedings for the recovery of all expenses incurred by him.

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 4, (providing for the *post mortem* examination of the carcass of a diseased or suspected animal), the carcass of an animal which at the time of its death was affected with, or was suspected of being affected with, rabies shall be disposed of by the constable in charge of the nearest police station by one or other of the following methods—

- (a) the carcass shall be buried in its skin in some proper place at a depth of not less than six feet below the surface of the ground and such carcass shall be covered with quicklime; or

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- (b) the carcass shall be burnt; or
- (c) the carcass shall be disinfected and shall be taken to a horse slaughterer's or knacker's yard or other suitable place and shall there be destroyed by exposure to a high temperature or by chemical agents.

(2) Where a carcass is buried in accordance with paragraph (1) (a) of this regulation, the skin shall, prior to burial, be so slashed with a knife as to render such skin useless.

**8.** Every kennel, shed, building, pen, sty or other enclosure, and any litter, bedding, feeding or drinking utensil or any hurdle or sleeping basket or any other thing used by, or which has been in contact with, a diseased or suspected dog or cat, either before or after its death, shall be disinfected by the owner or other person in charge thereof in such manner as an Inspector may direct.

**9.** No person, except with the written permission of an Inspector, shall dig up or cause to be dug up the carcass of any animal which has been buried.

**10.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence, and upon summary conviction before a magistrate shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

FORM I

Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951

*(Regulation 3(2))*

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge of any Dog or Cat Affected  
with or Suspected of being Affected with Rabies*

To.....  
*(Name of Owner or Person in charge)*

I.....  
*(Name of Inspector)*

being an Inspector appointed under the Animals (Diseases and Importation)

Act, hereby require the under-mentioned animal, namely.....  
of which you are the owner or which is in your charge, to be detained and  
isolated in accordance with the provisions of this notice at .....

The above-mentioned animal shall be detained at such place until this  
notice is withdrawn by a notice in writing signed by an Inspector under  
the Act. During that period the animal shall not be permitted to come into  
contact with any other animal.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....  
(Title of Office).....

**FORM 2**

**Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951**  
*(Regulation 3 (2))*

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge of a Dog or other Canine Animal or Cat Exposed  
to Infection of Rabies*

To.....  
*(Owner or person in charge and Address)*

I .....  
*(Name of Inspector)*

being an Inspector under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, hereby  
require the undermentioned animal, namely.....  
of which you are the owner or person in charge, to be detained and isolated  
in accordance with the provisions of this notice at.....

The above-mentioned animal shall be moved to the said place of detention  
within twenty-four hours after service of this notice, and shall, if moved  
along a highway or thoroughfare, be confined in a suitable hamper, or  
crate, box, or other receptacle, and be muzzled with a wire cage muzzle.

The said animal shall be detained at the said place of detention until  
this notice is withdrawn by a subsequent notice in writing signed by an  
Inspector under the Act, and during that period shall not be permitted to  
come into contact with any other animal.

If the said animal should die or be lost during that period, the death or  
loss shall forthwith be reported by the person then in charge of the animal  
to the Inspector.

This notice must be produced by the person in charge of the animal at  
any time or on demand for inspection by an Inspector.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....  
(Title of Office).....

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FORM 3

Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951

(Regulation 3 (2))

Notice to Owner or Person in Charge Requiring Isolation of Ruminating Animals  
or Pigs

To .....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I .....  
(Name of Inspector)

being an inspector hereby require the under-mentioned animal, namely.....  
.....of which you are the owner or which is in your  
charge, to be kept at.....  
(description of farm or field, shed, building etc.)

and I hereby require you to take notice that, in consequence of this notice  
and the provisions of the Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951 it is  
unlawful for any person, until this notice is withdrawn by a notice in writing  
by an Inspector, to move from or out of such place of detention any animal  
to which this notice applies, except with permission in writing from an In-  
spector under the law.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....  
(Signature).....  
(Title of Office).....

N.B.—An animal to which this notice applies may at any time be  
slaughtered by the owner.

FORM 4

Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951

Notice to Owner or Person in Charge Requiring Isolation of Horses, Asses or Mules  
(Regulation 3 (2))

To .....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I .....  
(Name of Inspector)

being an Inspector under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, hereby  
require the under-mentioned animal, namely,.....of  
which you are the owner or which is in your charge to be kept at.....  
.....and I hereby require you to take notice that, in  
consequence of this notice and the provisions of the Animals (Diseases)  
(Rabies) Regulations, 1951, it is unlawful for any person, until this notice is  
withdrawn by permission in writing of the Inspector, to move from or out  
of such place of detention any animal to which this notice applies, except  
with permission in writing from an Inspector and subject to the condition  
that the animal shall not be absent from the premises specified in the notice  
for a period of more than eighteen hours.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....  
(Signature).....  
(Title of Office).....

N.B.—An animal to which this notice applies may at any time be  
slaughtered by the owner.

**FORM 5**

Animals (Diseases) (Rabies) Regulations, 1951

*(Regulation 3 (3))*

*Withdrawal Notice*

To .....  
*(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)*

I .....  
*(Name of Inspector)*

being an Inspector appointed under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, do hereby withdraw, as from the .....day of .....  
19..... the notice relating to premises in your occupation at .....  
.....dated the.....day of.....  
19.....

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Signed by ..... and served upon  
you on the.....day of.....19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

*(Signature)*.....  
*(Title of Office)*.....