

Summary of Iowa Code, Chapter 351 for Local Partners in Iowa

[Iowa Code, Chapter 351 \(Dogs and Other Animals\)](#) includes all relevant state law related to rabies in Iowa.

Selected subsections relevant when considering local ordinances.

- [§351.33](#) provides authority to mandate rabies vaccination in dogs. This does not include cats. Including cats is not precluded and is at local discretion.
- [§351.36](#) provides local enforcement authority.
- [§351.39](#) provides local authority for confinement of an animal that has potentially exposed a person to rabies. Provides authority to mandate 10-day confinement periods for dogs.



Using the word confinement is more accurate than using the word quarantine for the purposes of ruling out the risk of rabies from an exposing (attacking) animal to a person. The word confinement also aligns with §351.39.

- [§351.40](#) defines local quarantine authority. This is not for confinements for the purposes of ruling out rabies in an animal that exposed a person. Instead for the quarantine of a geographic area (entire jurisdiction or part of a jurisdiction) with the intention to control a largescale rabies outbreak.



If updating local ordinances review every subsection of Iowa Code, Chapter 351 in its entirety. Consider working with a legal expert or your legal representative.