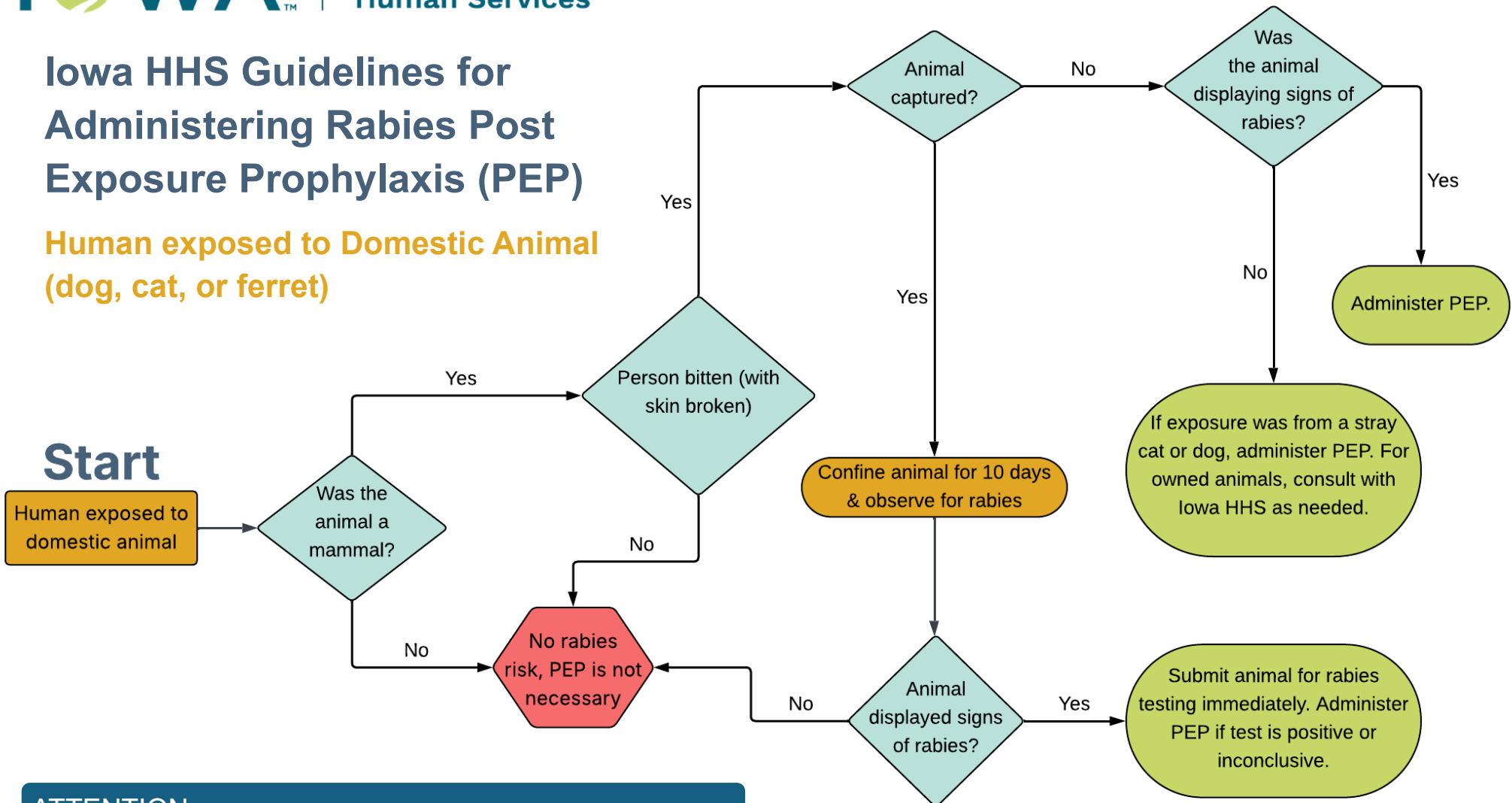


Iowa HHS Guidelines for Administering Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

Human exposed to Domestic Animal
(dog, cat, or ferret)

Start



ATTENTION

- The only ways to determine there is no risk of rabies from the biting dog, cat, or ferret is to successfully complete a 10-day confinement period or to test negative for rabies. The vaccination status of the animal alone cannot completely rule out risk.
- Depending on the severity of the attack and your clinical judgement, PEP can be postponed until the outcome of the confinement, or test result, is known.
- If a dog, cat, or ferret is not located within 3 days of the exposure, consider administering PEP.



For guidance on administering PEP or information on how to contact Iowa HHS for a rabies consultation, see the Iowa HHS Epi Manual rabies chapter by scanning the QR code or clicking <https://hhs.iowa.gov/center-acute-disease-epidemiology/epi-manual/reportable-diseases/rabies>