North Carolina Certified Rabies Vaccinator Training Program

Module I
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Module I.
Introduction to the Certified Rabies Vaccinator (CRV) Program, the Law and Your Responsibilities.

Module I Objectives

• Review the history through the current state of the Certified Rabies Vaccinator Program and its implications for public health.
• Review results of the 2014 CRV Survey to local health directors and animal services staff.
• Identify key personnel responsible for implementing the program as outlined in the CRV law and Memorandum of Understanding.
• Discuss the certification process including minimal requirements, supervision, transfers and termination.

Topics Part I

Background and History of CRV training
Current Training Status (May 1, 2014)
CRV Law
Local Health Director Appointment
Training Requirements
Certification
Supervision
Transfers, Termination

§130A-185. Vaccination required

(a) Vaccination required. - The owner of an animal listed in this subsection over four months of age shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies.
(1) Cat.
(2) Dog.
(3) Ferret.

“Lay” Vaccinator Statute
Established by law 1935
§ 130A-185 Vaccination required.
§ 130A-186 Appointment and certification of certified rabies vaccinator.
No veterinarians in many counties
Enhance public health rabies vaccination programs

www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_130A.html
§130A-185. Vaccination required

(b) Vaccination – only animal rabies vaccine licensed by the USDA and approved by the Commission; shall only be administered by
(1) A licensed veterinarian
(2) A registered veterinary technician under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
(3) A certified rabies vaccinator.

§130A-186. Appointment and certification of certified rabies vaccinator.

The CRV Law

§ 130A-186.
Appointment and certification of certified rabies vaccinator.

CRV Examination

Introduction to the CRV program, the Law and Your Responsibilities

Epidemiology, Rabies Prevention and Control

The Rabies Laws: the basics

Appropriate Vaccination Procedures
Vaccine Administration Training (VAT)

CRV Checklist

§ 130A-186. Appointment and certification of certified rabies vaccinator.

Supervision, Transfer and Termination
Local Health Director
Supervision of Performance
Transfers: Letter of “good standing”
Termination Letter; Reasons

Topics Part II
Results of 2014 CRV Survey
CRV MOU
The Responsibilities of a CRV

Public Shelters for strays/adoptions

Figure 1. Does your county or city government maintain one or more public animal shelters for the purpose of holding stray animals for reclaim or adoption?
- Yes
- No
- Unknown

78.2%
20.0%
1.8%

Use of Public Shelters for 10 Day Confinements and Six Month Quarantines

Figure 2. Does your county or city government maintain one or more public animal shelters for the purpose of holding animals for rabies control measures such as a 10 day confinement (NCGS 130A-196) and/or a 6 month quarantine (NCGS130A-197)?
- Yes, 10 day confinement only
- Yes, 6 month quarantine only
- Yes, both 10 day confinement and 6 month quarantine
- No
- Unknown

58.9%
19.6%
1.8%
19.6%
0.0%
Collaborations with Veterinarians

% Dogs and Cats Vaccinated, 2013

- Majority of LHDs estimated numbers of vaccinated animals;
- 39% provided Actual numbers
- Among Actual numbers of vaccinated animals:
  - Range 0.7 - .23.5%
  - Average 7.4%

2014 CRV Survey

Feral Cats

Local Feral Cat Colony Ordinances
- All cats remain currently vaccinated against rabies (NCGS 130A-185)
- Neutered, Microchips
- Rabies Pre-EP for Caretakers
- Liability insurance
- Data on location and cat numbers over time

Exotic and Dangerous Animals

Possession of Exotic/Dangerous Animals
- NCGS do not address
- NC DPH recommends Adoption of a Local Ordinance
- Half of LHDs responding do have a Local Ordinance
- Non-human Primates; others
- Rabies; Herpes B virus; vicious attacks
2014 CRV Survey Recommendations

Develop a Plan to increase dog and cat vaccination rates and re-vaccination rates.

Animal Control should require submission of Rabies Certificates; NCGS 130A-189

Three Rabies Clinics per year, minimally; reminders, education...

Collaborations with Veterinarians at rabies vaccination clinics and shelters; consider vouchers.

Request assistance from Veterinary Public Health for training and public education

Certified Rabies Vaccinator Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

I understand that I have been appointed by the local health director for the purpose of vaccinating dogs, cats and ferrets in his/her county and I will make myself available to participate in the county rabies control program.

I understand that I will not begin vaccinating dogs, cats or ferrets against rabies until I have received notification of successful completion of this class from either a state public health veterinarian or the local health director.
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<td>I understand and agree that animals must be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with guidelines set forth by the vaccine manufacturer and the State of North Carolina. I understand and agree that any vaccination given to an animal outside the guidelines set forth by the vaccine manufacturer and/or the State of North Carolina is not a legal vaccination.</td>
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<td>I have received and understand the information that demonstrates methods to determine the age of a dog or cat by dentition.</td>
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<td>I understand that vaccinating an animal outside of guidelines set forth by the vaccine manufacturer or any additional stipulations of my appointment set forth by the local health director or the state of North Carolina may result in the termination of my appointment as a certified rabies vaccinator.</td>
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<td>I understand that I alone am certified to vaccinate dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies and only in the county in which I am certified as directed by the local health director. I understand that it is not legal to allow other (non-certified) staff members to vaccinate dogs, cats or ferrets against rabies, even if they are under my supervision.</td>
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<td>I understand that I must provide a rabies vaccination certificate (such as NASPHV form 51) and a rabies vaccination tag for each dog, cat or ferret vaccinated against rabies. I understand that the vaccination certificate must be completed in its entirety and must be legible.</td>
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<td>Rabies – 100% fatal zoonotic disease</td>
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<td>Eastern Raccoon Variant Rabies Epizootic; spillover</td>
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<td>Insufficient numbers of veterinarians in some areas of the state</td>
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CRV Introduction
Summary
• CRV program is unique, one of eight states
• CDC Guidance
• Veterinarian Capacity
• Take your responsibility seriously!

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