

**258.005 Definitions for KRS 258.005 to 258.087. (Effective July 15, 2026)**

As used in KRS 258.005 to 258.087, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Dog" means any canine three (3) months of age or older for which there exists a United States Department of Agriculture approved rabies vaccine;
- (2) "Owner" means any person owning, keeping, or harboring a dog, cat, or ferret in Kentucky;
- (3) "Veterinarian" has the same meaning as in KRS 321.181;
- (4) "Qualified person" means a person granted a permit by the secretary for health and family services to vaccinate his or her own dog against rabies;
- (5) "Vaccination" means the administration by a veterinarian, veterinary technician, or other qualified person of rabies vaccine approved by and administered in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the secretary for health and family services;
- (6) "Cat" means any feline three (3) months of age or older for which there exists a United States Department of Agriculture approved rabies vaccine;
- (7) "Animal control officer" means an individual who is employed or appointed by, or has contracted with:
  - (a) A city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment, sexual crimes against, or torture of animals, and local animal control ordinances; or
  - (b) An entity that has contracted with a city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment, sexual crimes against, or torture of animals, and local animal control ordinances;
- (8) "Ferret" means any musteline three (3) months of age or older for which there exists a United States Department of Agriculture approved rabies vaccine;
- (9) "Quarantine" means the confinement of an animal for observation of clinical signs of illness indicating rabies infection, and the prevention of escape or contact with any person or other animal; and
- (10) "Veterinary technician" means a "veterinary technician" as that term is defined in KRS 321.181, who is under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is located on the premises of the facility.

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