

Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record

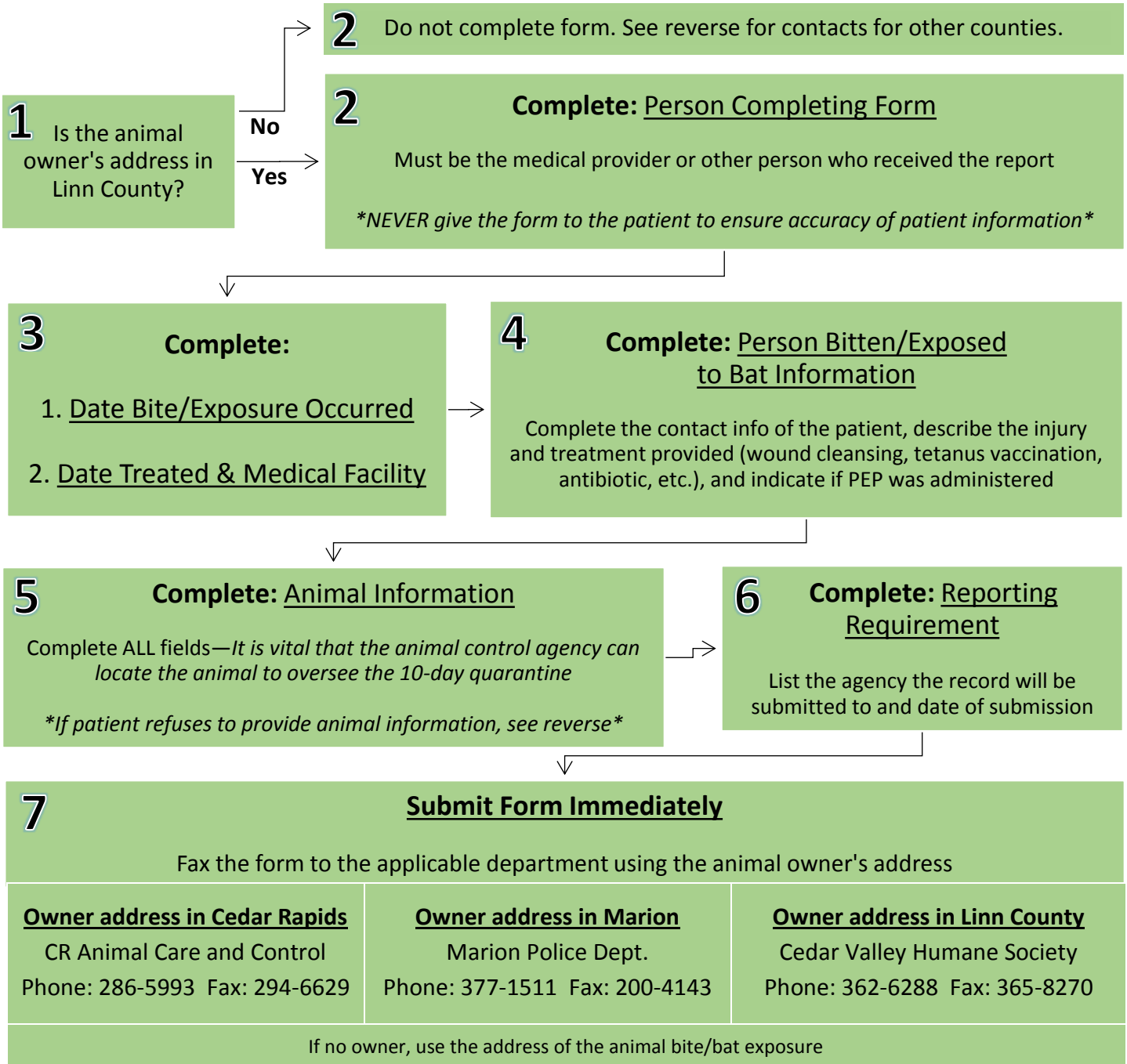
Supplemental Document



Law requires completion of the Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record when there is a known animal bite or skin abrasion caused by a companion or wild animal.

The purpose of the record is to collect information about animal bites in the context of rabies prevention and control. See reverse for information regarding animal bite investigation procedures in Linn County.

Instructions



Animal Bite Investigation Procedures

Dogs, cats, and ferrets: the animal is placed under a mandatory quarantine (confinement period) for 10 days to ensure the animal remains healthy and shows no clinical signs of rabies. The quarantine procedure varies by animal control agency.

| Animal Control Agency | Jurisdiction | Quarantine Procedure |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cedar Rapids Animal Care and Control | Cedar Rapids | An animal control officer is sent to the animal owner's residence to view animal and oversee quarantine. |
| Marion Police Department | Marion | A Marion PD officer is sent to the animal owner's residence to view animal and oversee quarantine. |
| Cedar Valley Humane Society | Remainder of Linn County | CVHS usually calls the animal owner to verify the owner can quarantine. CVHS occasionally sends an officer from Linn County Sheriff's Office. |

Bat exposures: the bat should be euthanized and tested for rabies. See <https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/resources> for additional information.

Other animals: see the [Rabies Resource Manual](https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/resources) available at <https://idph.iowa.gov/rabies/resources>.

Patient refusing to provide animal information: please explain the purpose of collecting the information. The purpose is to oversee a 10-day quarantine of the animal (usually at home) to ensure the animal is healthy 10 days following the bite.

The patient should be sent to an emergency room for post-exposure prophylaxis if an exposure may have occurred, animal information is not obtained, or if it cannot be guaranteed that the animal can be captured.

Animal owner address outside of Linn County: please contact the appropriate animal control agency for their reporting procedures. Completing the [Linn County Animal Bite/Bat Exposure Record](#) is not necessary.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Owner address in Benton County Benton County Health Dept. Phone: 319-472-3119 | Owner address in Jones County Jones County Sheriff's Dept. Phone: 319-462-4371 | Owner address elsewhere in Iowa See idph.iowa.gov/rabies/information-for-providers for statewide points of contact |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

A form is now available for animal-on-animal bites. See <https://www.linncounty.org/835/Animal-Bite-Reporting>.