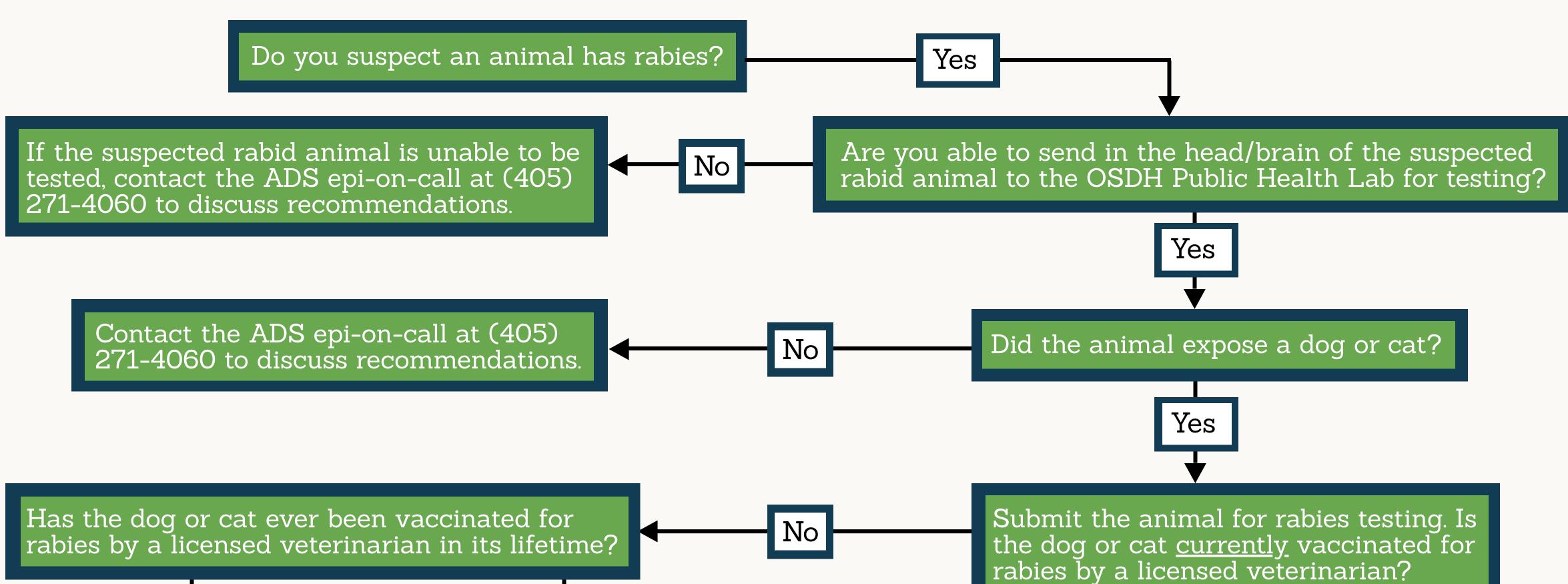


VETERINARIAN GUIDANCE ALGORITHM





Yes



If the rabies result for the suspected rabid animal is positive and the dog or cat was exposed:

The dog or cat may be euthanized immediately either by a veterinarian or the local animal control officer; OR

Immediately (within 96 hours from the time of exposure) be given a USDA-licensed booster rabies vaccination and be placed in quarantine for 4 months under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Yes

Does the owner or veterinarian have documentation showing the dog or cat was vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian in its lifetime?

The animal <u>should not</u> immediately receive a rabies vaccine. If the animal is given a vaccine <u>prior to collecting serum</u>, "Prospective Serologic Monitoring" (PSM) protocol is not an option and the animal will be treated as never having received a rabies vaccine.

Yes

If the rabies result is positive and the dog or cat was exposed:

Booster with USDA-licensed rabies vaccine. The vaccine must be administered by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

2 The dog or cat should then be isolated by leashing or confinement under the owner's supervision, for a period of at least 45 days from the date of exposure to the rabid animal.

An ADS epidemiologist will work with the owner and veterinarian to complete the follow-up.

1 The dog or cat shall receive a rabies vaccine booster administered by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

2 The dog or cat shall then be placed in home quarantine by leashing or confinement under the owner's supervision, for a period of at least 45 days from the date of exposure to the rabid animal.

No

If more than 96 hours will pass between the date of exposure and final rabies lab result, proceed by collecting 1-2 mL of serum from the dog or cat for possible PSM. Label the serum appropriately and keep refrigerated. After serum collection, administer USDA-licensed rabies vaccine.

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- 2 Immediately be given a booster rabies vaccination and be place into quarantine for 4 months under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian; OR
- 3 Prior to administering a booster vaccination, the owner may work with the licensed veterinarian to conduct PSM. Please refer to the *Prospective Serologic Monitoring* document.

3 A health assessment will need to be completed by a licensed veterinarian at the end of the 45-day quarantine.

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