

Prince George's County Health Department

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Construction Details for Six Month Isolation (Dogs & Cats)

1. The kennel must be constructed with double walls made of chain link fencing or its equivalent (e.g. A kennel within a kennel). There must be 18" to 24" (can be 12"-18" for cats) in separation between the interior and exterior walls. The walls must be at least 3 times the height of the animal at the shoulder, and a minimum of 6 feet (can be smaller for cats). The top must be covered with chicken wire of a suitable material. This is to prevent contact with animals or humans outside of the kennel.
2. Double doors must be constructed on the kennel to prevent the interior door from being opened while the exterior door is opened. This will prevent escape. Doors must be secured with combination or key locks.
3. *Alternative A.* A cage inside of a larger cage both with locks on them. *Alternative B.* A cage with a lock on it, in a vacant, unoccupied room and the door to the room must have a lock on it.
4. The enclosure must be approved by the Health Department and/or Animal Control.

Isolation Procedures

1. The animal must remain in strict isolation for 6 months. The animal may not be removed from the enclosure at any time, unless absolutely necessary.
2. The animal must be vaccinated against rabies at the 5th month of the isolation period.
3. Human contact should be nonexistent or restricted to one adult. Any bite or scratch must be reported to the Prince George's County Health Department immediately.
4. An adult caring for the animal is recommended to undergo the Pre-Exposure Rabies series prior to the animal being isolated on your property.
5. If at any time during the 6 month period, the animal becomes sick or dies, contact the City of College Park Animal Control Officer at 240-487-3570 or Prince George's County Animal Management Division at 301-780-7200 and the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3750. **DO NOT HANDLE THE ANIMAL YOURSELF!**
6. Periodic visits will be made by the Animal Control Officer to insure that you are following the isolation procedures properly.
7. If the isolation procedures are violated, the animal, at the discretion of the Health Officer, will be sacrificed and tested for rabies.
8. All costs involving the construction of the kennel, boarding at a private kennel, vaccinating the animal, and receiving the Pre-Exposure Rabies series is your responsibility.