

FERRETS (EXCERPT)
Act 358 of 1994

287.892 Ferrets; vaccinations required; exception; bite, scratch, abrasions, or contamination; report to county health department; handling; production of rabies certificate upon request.

Sec. 2. (1) A person shall not own or harbor a ferret over 12 weeks of age unless the ferret has a current vaccination against rabies with an approved rabies vaccine administered by a veterinarian, except that rabies vaccinations are not required for research ferrets kept at research facilities registered pursuant to the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) A person who owns or harbors a ferret that has bitten, scratched, caused abrasions or contaminated with saliva or other infectious material an open wound or mucous membrane of a human being shall report the incident within 48 hours to the county public health department.

(3) A person who owns or harbors a ferret that has potentially exposed a person or other animal to rabies by biting, scratching, causing abrasions, or contaminating open wounds or mucous membranes with saliva or other infectious material shall handle the ferret in accordance with current published guidelines of the centers of disease control and prevention.

(4) A person who owns or harbors a ferret shall produce proof of a valid rabies certificate signed by a veterinarian for the ferret upon request of a law enforcement agent or animal control officer or the director.

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