



Department of Health and Social Services
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In general, most LVs will only be certified to vaccinate animals in a single village. However, in special circumstances, regions of service may be multiple villages or jurisdictions.

Term of Service

LVs are initially appointed for a period of 1 year. Thereafter, certificates may be renewed every 2 years.

To renew an LV's certification, sponsors must submit a written request to SOE. This request should indicate that 1) there is an ongoing need in the region for rabies vaccination services; 2) the LV is competently p

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about supplies, regional rabies vaccination databases, etc.

Restrictions

LVs are authorized to administer ONLY the rabies vaccine provided by SOE.

LVs are not compensated by the State of Alaska for their duties. Vaccinations must be given free-of-charge.

Only certified LVs may administer the rabies vaccine to animals. Vaccine is NEVER to be provided to an animal's owner or another third party for unsupervised administration at some time in the future.

LVs are not authorized under their LV certificate to administer any other vaccines nor to deliver any animal care-related services that could be construed as "practicing veterinary medicine" as defined by AS 08.98 or 12 AAC.68.²

Any unprofessional action or conduct by an LV in violation of the policies outlined here will be reviewed by SOE and may result in revocation of an LV certificate.

Summary

The LV program is

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acquired rabies from bats, human cases of bat strain rabies have been acquired only after direct contact with bats. Vaccinating pets against rabies is unlikely to greatly impact the incidence of human infection with bat strains of rabies. Rabies enzootic areas include the following boroughs and census areas: Aleutians East and West, Bethel, Bristol Bay, Dillingham, Lake and Peninsula, Nome, North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Wade Hampton, and Yukon-Koyukuk.