

**\* \* URGENT! Please Take Action \* \***

## Insist on a 3 year Rabies Certificate!

After the initial series, **ALL Rabies vaccines are good for at least 3 years.** There are no 2 year vaccines, vet recommendations and city ordinances requiring one or two year vacs are wrong, cost the pet owner, and put some animals at unnecessary risks.

**Anything else is WRONG!**

Want more info?:

Clearly, vaccinations are an essential part of good health maintenance. Help end over-vaccination by being informed.

### North Dakota

Power Shots - People Organized With Education and Research about Shots  
Information about rules and practices of concern to North Dakota pet owners.

## Pet Over-vaccination Alert

Check your pet's proof of vaccination rabies certificate!

Thousands of North Dakota dog owners have rabies certificates that state it is good for two years. The accurate booster specifications according to manufacturers label is three years. There is NO 2 year Rabies vaccine licensed in the USA. (list of licensed vaccines, Pgs 13 & 14(PDF) from the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control 2011)

**Do vaccinate your pets for rabies for there is rabies in ND** (map: Rabies Activity 2014), but please do not accept a vaccination certificate valid for anything less than 3 years, after the initial series.\* Vaccinate wisely (13 ways to vaccinate more safely)

Can vaccines adversely affect pets? YES, although rare, it can happen to your pet and it can be serious, even fatal.

It has been proven that vaccinating for rabies every 2 years does NOT offer more protection or increased immunity. The most common excuses vets use for vaccinating every 2 years is that "pet owners are late in getting the booster" and "more vaccines offer more protection." Both of these excuses have been proven to be invalid.

Having pet owners pay for medically unnecessary rabies vaccination every 2 years, from which the animal derives no benefit, raises ethical and legal issues.

Giving pets rabies boosters annually or biennially following the initial series is contrary to all national guidelines set by professional veterinary organizations.

Useful Resources:

- North Dakota Law Rabies Control: Chap 23-36\_01-08 (PDF)
- Importation of Dogs and Cats to North Dakota
- Facts about rabies (PDF)
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AMVA) Vaccination Principles
- American Veterinary Hospital Association 2011 Canine Vaccine Guidelines (PDF)
- American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) "Feline Vaccination Guidelines"
- Administration of Rabies Vaccination State Laws (listings of laws by state)
- Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2011 National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

<http://powershotsmn.com/nd.html>

**\* Before June 9th it is important to call and voice your concerns about rabies certificates reading 2 year duration when in fact manufacturers' duration is 3 years!**

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