

ARKANSAS 3 Year Rabies Law Effective 1/1/10

Updated Rabies Control Act Allows Longer Vaccination

Intervals <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=95265&catid=2> "The updated Rabies Control Act has new rules passed by the State Board of Health that allow for a longer interval between rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats. The new rules will become effective January 1, 2010. If a three-year vaccine is chosen, the pet will be required to be revaccinated three years later."

RHODE ISLAND 3 Year Rabies Regulations

At the end of April 2009, Rhode Island's Rabies Control Board approved a change to allow for a 3 year protocol, yet no date has been set for it to become effective. Concerned pet owners should contact their legislators **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** and the Chair of the Board, State Veterinarian **Dr. Scott Marshall at 401-222-2781 Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** to insist this policy change is instituted.

RHODE ISLAND - Board OKs Change in Rabies Policy *Providence Journal News*

Digest May 1, 2009 **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** "PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Rabies Control Board has approved a change in policy that could pave the way for regulations that will allow the vaccination of dogs and cats every three years, rather than every two years. "

San Diego Pet Vaccination Seminar with Drs. W. Jean Dodds and Ronald Schultz

Award-winning author, Jan Rasmusen, has organized a vaccine seminar to be held in San Diego, California on March 28, 2010 to benefit The Rabies Challenge Fund. World-renowned veterinary vaccine research scientists, Drs. W. Jean Dodds and Ronald Schultz, will be the featured speakers at this all-day event. Detailed information on the seminar can be found at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** .

Third Year of Rabies Challenge Studies Begin

Thanks to generous contributions from pet lovers, The Rabies Challenge Fund was able to raise the funds needed to begin the 3rd year of research at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in November. The current challenge is to collect \$150,000 per year to cover the estimated costs of Years 4-7 to complete the studies.

New Website Design & Facebook Page

Mimi Englander has redesigned and updated The Rabies Challenge Fund website www.RabiesChallengeFund.org and added important vaccine data for pet owners. The

RCF has also joined the Facebook community <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Rabies-Challenge-Fund/119106981159?v=wall&ref=ts> , where vaccine data is posted under "Discussions."

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Sincerely,

Kris L. Christine
Founder, Co-Trustee

The Rabies Challenge Fund

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Successful efforts by The Rabies Challenge Fund leading to changes in state rabies laws/municipal ordinances to the 3 year national standard:

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Wichita, Kansas

States of Alabama, Arkansas, Maine, and Rhode Island

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