

WYOMING Rabies Laws

Following a 3/22/08 article entitled **Vaccine overkill?** in the **Wyoming News** http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2008/03/23/local_news_updates/19local_03-23-08.txt by Baylie Davis and inspired by encouraging developments in Kansas, **Wyoming** dog breeders have contacted Wyoming's Governor, Attorney General as well as the Mayor of Cheyenne imploring the state to adopt the national standard of a 3 year rabies vaccination protocol. They need your assistance to help them get the annual rabies booster ordinances in the state changed.

What You Can Do To Help

Please contact any/or all of the **Wyoming** public officials listed below. You can copy and paste e-mail addresses listed. I will be sending a letter of support as well and will keep you updated on developments. **After the Wyoming contact list, there will be updated information on rabies law efforts in Kansas and Arkansas as well.**

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Kansas Rabies Law Update & Arkansas Dog Owners Organizing to Challenge Arkansas Rabies Laws

Kansas: Dog owners have started a petition to get annual rabies laws in the state changed to the national 3 year standard. They are planning to have petitions available for dog owners to sign at the upcoming **Yappy Days** event on March 29th from 9-4 at the Kansas Coliseum, Pavilion II <http://www.kzsn.com/cc-common/mainheadlines2.html?feed=107458&article=3323054> . The petition is posted online at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com:80/1/Stop-Over-Vaccination-in-Wichita> . Activities in Kansas were sparked by a March 18, 2008 article in the **Wichita Eagle** entitled, Are Annual Shots a Risk for Dogs? <http://www.kansas.com/news/story/344780.html> by Diane McCartney.

Arkansas: Dog owners are organizing to change their annual rabies laws. A Yahoo group, **Arkansas Rabies Vaccine Info** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARVaccineInfo> has been started to coordinate efforts, please join if you are interested.

Wichita to Form Rabies Vaccination Committee

I received the notice below on March 25, 2008. How unfortunate that Wichita is not including a member of their dog-owning public on this committee.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Kay Johnson, Director of Environmental Services, 268-8351

City to Form Rabies Vaccination Committee

The City of Wichita is forming an ad hoc committee to review the schedule for rabies vaccinations, Interim Wichita City Manager Ed Flentje announced on Tuesday.

The committee will review the latest information on rabies prevention and control and make recommendations, said Kay Johnson, Director of Environmental Services.

Committee members will be announced at a later date.

"The committee will be primarily comprised of local veterinarians and public health officials," Johnson said. "Rabies is a very serious issue and potentially fatal. We want to make sure that people and pets are protected."

The committee recommendations will be provided to the City Manager as part of a broader and ongoing animal ordinance review. The ordinance review is scheduled to be presented to the Wichita City Council later this year.

For further questions, Johnson can be reached at kjohnson@wichita.gov or 268-8351.

Thank you all for your incredible efforts in Maine and Kansas! You are making a huge difference in the lives of dogs everywhere. Remember what Margaret Mead said, **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."**

Regards, Kris

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