

Notice of Proposed Repeal of Local Rules
by the Wilkes County Board of Health for Postexposure Management of Dogs and Cats
Exposed to Rabies

Pursuant to G.S. 130A-39(a), local boards of health have the responsibility to protect and promote the public's health and the authority to adopt rules necessary for that purpose. Pursuant to this authority the Wilkes County Board of Health (hereinafter the "Board of Health") on February 13, 2017 adopted and implemented the new national guidance for postexposure management of dogs and cats published March 1, 2016 by the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) in the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control .

Given the ratification of North Carolina SB 74 and pending amendment of NCGS 130A-197 which became effective October 1, 2017, the local rule is no longer necessary.

Therefore the Board of Health proposes to repeal this local rule as described above at its regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. at the Wilkes County Health Department in Wilkesboro, N.C. This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 130A-39(d). The proposed rules will be available for public comment beginning December 1, 2017. Contact the Wilkes County Health Department or the County Manager's Office for a copy or see <http://www.Wilkeshealth.com/>. If there are public comments, the Board of Health will review comments provided in writing or by email in advance of that meeting and will entertain anyone wishing to speak about the rules during the public comment section of the Board of Health meeting. Registration for public comment at the meeting is required. Individuals should register their request with Ann Absher, Health Director, prior to the meeting by calling (336) 651-7464.

If the proposed rules are repealed, they will be effective as of the date of adoption.

This the 1st day of December, 2017.

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH