

## **FACA Policy Statement**

## **Pre-Exposure Rabies Prophylaxis**

Pre-exposure vaccination simplifies the rabies post-exposure treatment and may provide protection in cases of unrecognized rabies exposure or when post-exposure treatment is delayed. Although pre-exposure vaccination does not eliminate the need for appropriate treatment following a known rabies exposure, it simplifies the post exposure treatment.

The Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) recommends that all animal protection and control personnel and other workers likely to have regular contact with potentially rabid animals be provided with pre-exposure prophylaxis.

The immune status of vaccinated personnel should be checked every two years with a titer test and booster as appropriate.

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