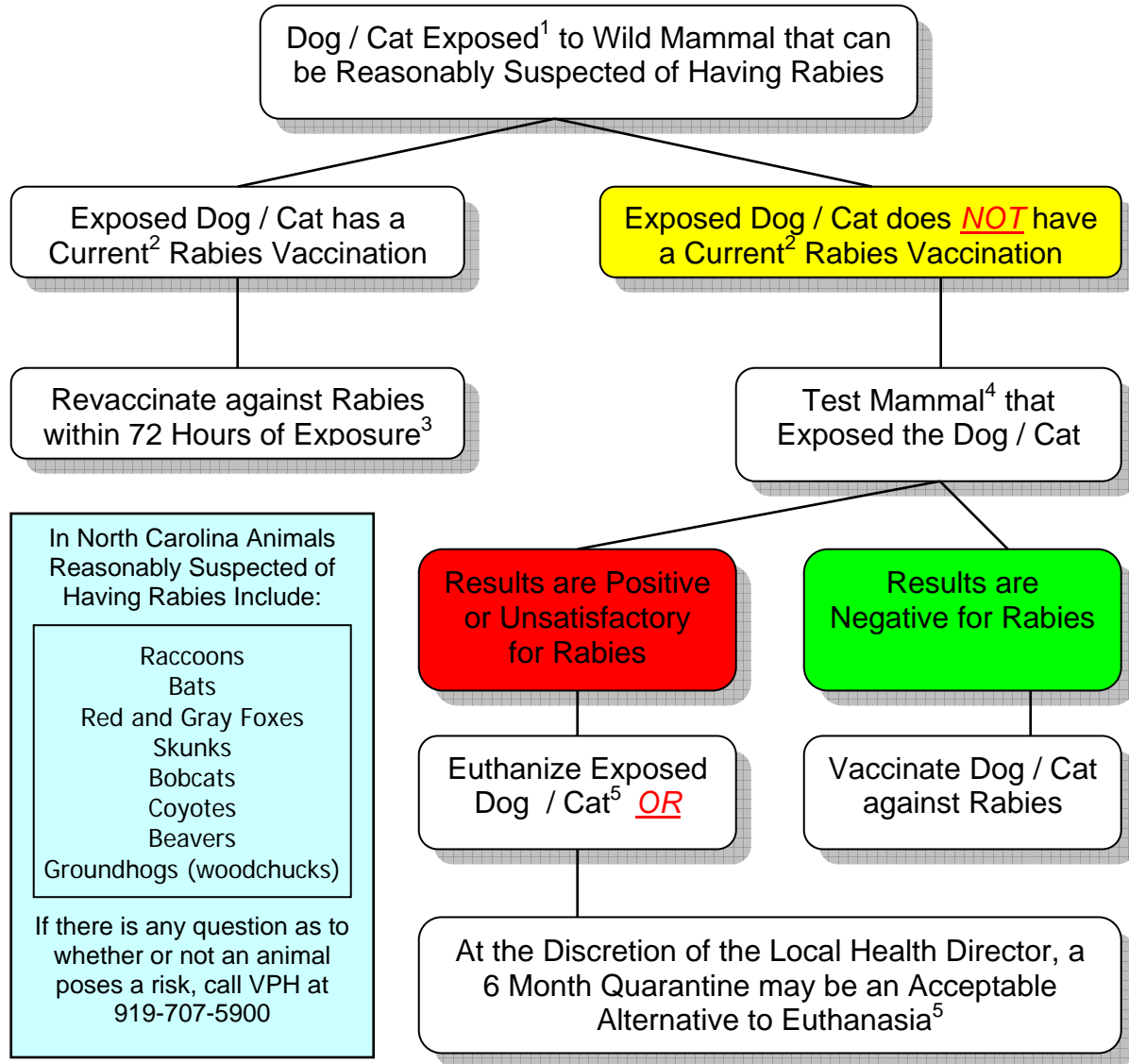


NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

PROTOCOL FOR DOGS OR CATS EXPOSED TO RABIES



1. Dog or cat bites, is bitten by, or is otherwise exposed to an animal reasonably suspected of being rabid.
2. Current rabies vaccination means the dog or cat was vaccinated within the previous 12 months (by a licensed veterinarian or certified rabies vaccinator) if it was the animal's initial rabies vaccination. For subsequent rabies vaccinations current means administered by a veterinarian or certified rabies vaccinator, within one or three years from the previous vaccination, depending on the vaccine used.
3. If dog or cat is not revaccinated within 72 hours, treat as not currently vaccinated.
4. If mammal is unavailable for testing, proceed as if the results were positive for rabies.
5. In accordance with NC General Statute 130A-197.