

HB 322 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL           **322**

AN ACT                requiring a color photo of a dog, cat, or ferret on a rabies vaccination certificate.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Testerman, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE:          Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires a color photo of a dog, cat, or ferret to be attached to its rabies vaccination certificate.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT requiring a color photo of a dog, cat, or ferret on a rabies vaccination certificate.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 Rabies Vaccination Certificate; Color Photo Added. Amend RSA 436:102 to read as follows:  
2       436:102 Duties of Veterinarian. It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, at the time of  
3 vaccinating any dog, cat, or ferret, to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination in triplicate which  
4 includes the following information: owner's name and address, description of dog, cat, or ferret  
5 (breed, sex, markings, age, name), ***a color photograph of the dog, cat, or ferret***, date of  
6 vaccination, rabies vaccination tag number, type of rabies vaccine administered, manufacturer's  
7 serial number of vaccine, and the expiration date of the vaccination. Distribution of copies of the  
8 certificate shall be: the original to the owner, one copy retained by the issuing veterinarian and,  
9 within 40 days of the vaccination, one copy to the town or city clerk where the dog, cat, or ferret is  
10 kept. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies for the interval between vaccinations  
11 specified in RSA 436:100. A metal or durable plastic tag, serially numbered, shall be securely  
12 attached to the collar or harness of the dog. Whenever the dog is out-of-doors, off the owner's  
13 premises, and not under the control of the owner or handler while working the dog, the collar or  
14 harness with the vaccination tag shall be worn. For the purposes of this section, "working the dog"  
15 means a dog doing a defined functional canine activity with its owner or handler such as hunting,  
16 field work, drafting, and guarding, working, or herding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(a)(4),  
17 or participating in any lawful competitive event, including, but not limited to, conformation shows or  
18 obedience trials, field trials, agility events, hunts, sled races, or training activities pertinent to  
19 functional canine activities. Cats and ferrets shall not be required to wear the collar or harness with  
20 the tag.

21       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.