

**New Jersey Department of Health  
CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM RABIES VACCINATION**

Name of Owner (Print)		Telephone Number	
Street Address		City, State, Zip	
Animal Name		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Neutered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Species		Age	Weight
Breed		Color(s)	
<p>The animal described above has been examined by me on: _____ and I have determined that it would be medically contraindicated to vaccinate this animal due to an infirmity, other physical condition, or regimen of therapy.</p> <p>Describe nature and duration of infirmity, other physical condition, or regimen of therapy:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: A reluctance to administer a rabies vaccine prior to the expiration of the previous vaccination will not be accepted as a valid reason for an exemption. Early boosting has not been associated with an increased occurrence of adverse reactions and is not medically contraindicated.</p>			
Name of Veterinarian (Print)		License Number	
Address			
Signature of Veterinarian		Date	
<p><b>This certificate is valid until _____ (<i>not to exceed one year from date of last examination</i>).</b></p>			
<p>By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above. I have been informed that this animal is exempt from rabies vaccination for a period of up to one year. I have also been informed of the following important information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This animal must be re-examined by the expiration date listed above. At that time the animal must either be vaccinated against rabies or, if exemption status still applies, a new certificate must be issued.</li> <li>• Once the duration of immunity from the last rabies vaccination has lapsed, this animal is not protected against rabies and, as a result, is at increased risk of becoming infected if exposed to a rabid animal.</li> <li>• It is recommended that the animal be closely observed when outside, walked on a leash and not allowed to run at large. Prevent the animal from coming into contact with suspect rabid animals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, groundhogs, bats and free-roaming cats.</li> <li>• Exemption from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from other laws related to rabies. If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies (e.g., due to a bite or exposure from a rabid or suspect rabid animal), the local health agency will require it to be euthanized or quarantined for six months. If this animal potentially exposes a person to rabies (by bite or other means), it must be confined for 10 days as approved by the local health agency where the animal resides.</li> </ul>			
Signature of Owner		Date Signed	

A copy of this certificate must be provided to the owner of the animal listed above and kept as proof of exemption.  
**For dogs, this certificate must be presented with an application for a dog license.**