

1 AN ACT relating to feral cats.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 258.015 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Every owner shall have his dog, cat, or ferret initially vaccinated against rabies by
5 the age of four (4) months and revaccinated at the expiration of the immunization
6 period as certified by the veterinarian. The veterinarian who vaccinates a dog, cat,
7 or ferret shall issue to the owner a vaccination certificate on a form approved by the
8 Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The vaccination certificate shall be
9 prepared and issued in duplicate, one (1) copy to be retained by the issuing
10 veterinarian and one (1) copy to be given to the owner of the dog, cat, or ferret
11 vaccinated. Each certificate shall bear the name and address of the veterinarian who
12 issued it. The veterinarian shall also furnish each dog owner with a rabies tag
13 bearing a serial number corresponding to the vaccination certificate with the year of
14 immunization. The tag shall be affixed to a collar or harness furnished by the owner
15 and shall be worn by the dog for which the tag was issued. No one except the owner
16 or his duly authorized agent shall remove the tag.

17 (2) Every qualified person who vaccinates his own dog shall comply with the
18 vaccination certificate and tag requirement provisions of subsection (1) of this
19 section.

20 (3) Every owner of a cat or ferret shall show proof of a valid rabies vaccination upon
21 request of an animal control officer or peace officer.

22 ~~[(4) Any person with feral cats on his premises shall make a reasonable effort to capture
23 or vaccinate the cats.]~~