

STATE LAW

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 10. HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ANIMALS

CHAPTER 826. RABIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 826.017. Designation of Local Rabies Control Authority.

(a) The commissioners court of each county and the governing body of each municipality shall designate an officer to act as the local rabies control authority for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Except as restricted by department rule, the officer designated as the local rabies control authority may be the county health officer, municipal health officer, animal control officer, peace officer, or any entity that the commissioners court or governing body considers appropriate.

(c) Among other duties, the local rabies control authority shall enforce:

(1) this chapter and the department rules that comprise the minimum standards for rabies control;

(2) the ordinances or rules of the municipality or county that the local rabies control authority serves; and

(3) the rules adopted by the executive commissioner under the area rabies quarantine provisions of Section 826.045.

LOCAL ORDINANCE

- CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS
- ARTICLE 1. - IN GENERAL—TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Sec. 6.003. - Office of animal services manager: duties; enforcement.

(a) The director of community services will select an animal services manager. The animal services manager will select the animal services staff members including animal control officers. The animal services staff will be under the supervision and control of the director of community services.

(b) The animal services manager shall act as the local rabies control authority for the purpose of enforcing animal health and control laws in the State of Texas.