

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3413

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; requiring owners to vaccinate domestic dogs against rabies at certain times; providing exemption from vaccine in certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 500 of Title 4, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this section, the owner or custodian of a domestic dog shall cause the animal to be vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is four (4) months of age and at regular intervals thereafter according to the label directions of an approved rabies vaccine for use in that species, or as prescribed by ordinances or rules adopted by a municipality within whose jurisdiction the animal owner resides.

B. A veterinarian, in his or her sole professional discretion, may delay rabies vaccination for a domestic dog if the veterinarian

1 determines the dog is too old, frail, or ill to receive vaccines and  
2 it is substantially likely the vaccine will cause the dog's health  
3 to decline or exacerbate existing health problems.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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