

**RESOLUTION #2—2022  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON ANNUAL RABIES VACCINATION WAIVER**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver as noted in the [attachment](#) (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck through~~).

**Statement about the Resolution**

The Council on Public Health reviewed the policy on Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver. Suggested revisions are to:

- Streamline and restructure language to improve clarity.
- Support communication to clients that if rabies vaccination is waived, the animal is at risk of rabies infection if a confirmed or suspected exposure occurs.
- Convey that under certain conditions of rabies exposure, if a client has chosen to waive a rabies vaccine, euthanasia may be included in recommendations or required under certain public health regulations.

At the policy website there will be a section titled, “Related Policies” where the Rabies policy will be linked as well as a section titled, “Additional Resources” where the [Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2016](#) and the [Model Rabies Control Ordinance](#) will be provided.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				

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