

Amendment to HB 290

1 Amend RSA 436:106, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 (b) If the owner is unwilling to destroy the dog, cat, or ferret, strict isolation of the dog,
4 cat, or ferret, in a kennel under veterinary supervision and in cooperation with the local
5 authorities[, for a minimum of 6 months] shall be enforced. ***A dog or cat shall be held in***
6 ***quarantine for a minimum of 4 months. A ferret shall be held in quarantine for a***
7 ***minimum of 6 months.*** The dog, cat, or ferret shall be vaccinated against rabies 30 days prior to
8 completion of the [6-month] impoundment. Any illness in the dog, cat, or ferret during confinement
9 or before release shall be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian. If signs suggestive of rabies develop,
10 the animal shall be euthanized and the head sent for examination to the public health laboratory,
11 department of health and human services. The expense of vaccination shall be paid in advance by
12 the owner, and the expense of impoundment shall be paid monthly in advance by the owner. In
13 case of default in payment, the local authority may euthanize the dog, cat, or ferret after a 10-day
14 grace period and the head shall be sent for examination to the public health laboratory, department
15 of health and human services. The expense of euthanizing the dog, cat, or ferret, for disposal of the
16 remains, and for preparing and shipping the head, shall be the responsibility of the owner.