1. Currently Vaccinated with Appropriate Documentation? 

- Yes: Immediate Veterinary Care, with Exposure Assessment & Wound Vaccination within 96 hours of exposure; Consult with Local Health Department
  - Under Owner's Control and Observation: 45 Days

- No: 
  - Yes: Manage as Unvaccinated (See Category 2)
  - No: Prospective Serological Monitoring (PSM)? See PSM Protocol

2. Unvaccinated – (Never Been Vaccinated)?

- Yes: Euthanize Immediately
  - OR: Strict Quarantine Dogs & Cats 4 months
    - Immediate Veterinary Care, with Exposure Assessment & Wound Care; Rabies Vaccination within 96 hours of exposure; Consult with Local Health Department

- No: 
  - Yes: Consult with Local Health Department
  - No: Overdue for Rabies Booster?

3. & 4. Overdue for Rabies Booster?

- Yes: Appropriate Documentation?
  - Yes: Consult with Local Health Department
  - No: Manage as Unvaccinated (See Category 2)

- No: 
  - Yes: Appropriate Documentation?
  - Yes: Consult with Local Health Department
  - No: Manage as Unvaccinated (See Category 2)

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a. Appropriate documentation: A rabies certificate or official veterinary record validating that the animal has received a USDA-licensed rabies vaccine at least once previously, and if a single vaccination, the animal was vaccinated at least 28 days prior to the exposure date (NCGS 130A-185 and 130A-197).
b. If rabies booster or vaccination is delayed, LHD may consider increasing observation period (case-by-case) or quarantine period (from 4 to 6 month), considering severity of exposure, length of delay in vaccination, current health status, & number of prior rabies vaccines and lapses.
c. Owner Observation: Under the owner’s strict supervision and control (leash walk, fenced yard, no travel or boarding unless approved by the LHD, no outings at doggie park or other parks, etc.). There should be no contact with animals or people other than the caretaker(s) until the local health director has released the animal from the 45 day observation period.

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