



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 37
[2007 Assembly Bill 52]

Quarantine of Dogs

The statutes require that a dog or cat be quarantined if there is reason to believe the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies, or has been in contact with a rabid animal. *Act 37* states that the quarantine requirement does not apply to a dog that is used by a law enforcement agency and that bites a person while the dog is performing law enforcement functions if the dog is immunized against rabies as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence.

The Act requires that the law enforcement agency have the dog examined by a veterinarian on the day of the incident or the next day, on the 10th day after the incident, and on one intervening day. In addition, the law enforcement agency must ensure that the dog is confined when not performing law enforcement functions until the third examination has been performed.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.