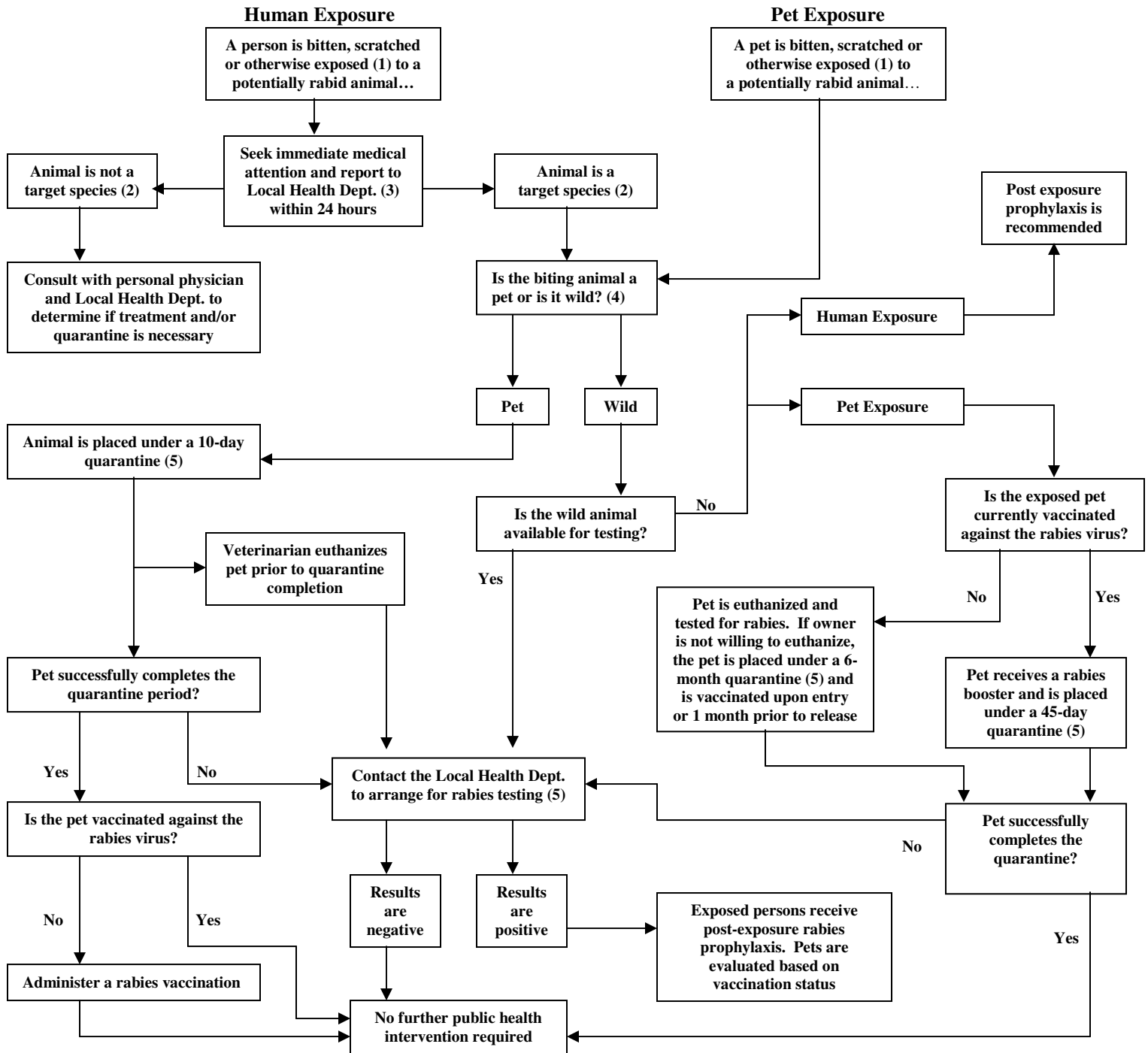


Rabies Exposure Algorithm



(1) **Exposure** is defined as an incident whereby the saliva of a potentially rabid animal is introduced into a bite wound, open cut in the skin or onto a mucous membrane. (2) **Target species** includes raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, bats, cats, dogs and ferrets. Non-target species includes all other mammals that are susceptible but not target species. (3) **Local Health Dept.** jurisdiction is determined by the community in which the animal resides or is found. Utilize the Animal Bite Incident Report form when reporting an incident and fax to 216-676-1317 for Cuyahoga County Board of Health, 216-664-2197 for Cleveland Health Dept., 216-529-5910 for Lakewood Health Dept., and 216-491-1465 for Shaker Heights Health Dept. (4) **A pet** includes a cat, dog, ferret, or livestock such as horses and cattle. Any undomesticated animal harbored as a pet is to be considered wild. (5) An animal under **quarantine** is restricted from public settings, must be supervised by an adult and is prevented from being exposed to other target species. Signs suggestive of rabies must be immediately reported to a veterinarian and the local health dept. (6) **All rabies testing** must be routed through the local health dept.

