

SUBCHAPTER C. RABIES VACCINATIONS

§ 826.021. Vaccination of Dogs and Cats Required

(a) Except as otherwise provided by board rule, the owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against **rabies** by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule.

(b) A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat against **rabies** shall issue to the animal's owner a vaccination certificate in a form that meets the minimum standards approved by the board.

(c) A county or municipality may not register or license an animal that has not been vaccinated in accordance with this section.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

§ 826.022. Vaccination; Criminal Penalty

(a) A person commits an offense if the person fails or refuses to have each dog or cat owned by the person vaccinated against **rabies** and the animal is required to be vaccinated under:

(1) Section 826.021 and board rules; or

(2) ordinances or rules adopted under this chapter by a county or municipality within whose jurisdiction the act occurs.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) If on the trial of an offense under this section the court finds that the person has been previously convicted of an offense under this section, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

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