

20-19-308. Shipment of head of animal suspected of being rabid to laboratory.

(a)(1) Any person causing the death of an animal, either wild or domesticated, suspected of being rabid shall cause the head thereof, together with an affidavit stating that he has reasonable grounds to believe that the animal was rabid, to be presented to the county court of the county in which the animal was killed, and it shall be the duty of the court to have the head shipped, prepaid, to the State Public Health Laboratory of the Department of Health.

(2) The expenses incurred in such shipment shall be paid from the county general fund of the county in which the animal was killed.

(b)(1) Whenever health and other public officials request commercial bus lines operating in Arkansas to receive properly packaged small animal heads for transporting to the laboratory for examination for rabies and where a human life is in danger, it will be unlawful for bus lines to refuse to transport these properly packaged small animal heads to the laboratory for examination. Commercial bus lines failing, refusing, or neglecting to carry out the applicable provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

(2) The accepted method of packaging these severed animal heads will be formulated and distributed by the Department of Health. The Department of Health shall make arrangements to pick up these specimens at the bus terminal without delay. The Department of Health will develop a method of packaging that protects the patrons and bus company employees.

History. Acts 1953, No. 238, § 1; Acts 1968 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 11, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-610, 82-2406.