

20-19-202. Vaccination required.

(a) All dogs and cats within the State of Arkansas shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies, and it is made the duty of all owners of dogs or cats or persons having the possession or control of dogs or cats within this state to have the animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies in an amount, quantity, and quality to be approved by the State Veterinarian.

(b) However, this section shall not apply within cities or incorporated towns through which a state line runs when the adjoining state has no comparable law.

(c) Any owner of any dog or cat or any person having the care and control of any dog or cat who fails to have the dog or cat vaccinated according to the terms of this subchapter shall be deemed 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.

(d) Any dog or cat termed a stray that is not vaccinated is subject to destruction.

History. Acts 1945, No. 171, §§ 1, 4; 1955, No. 3, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 78-201, 78-204.