

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 2**

SUBJECT/TITLE: ANIMAL BITES

POLICY: Reporting animal bites.

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines in reporting animal bites.

DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (DEM)

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: Reporting:

The Public Health Department should be notified regarding any animal bite. A standard form can be found in the “Animal Bites” file in the DEM. The form requests the following information:

1. Name, age and address
2. Area of body bitten and type of wound: e.g., tear, puncture, etc.
3. Type of treatment rendered, including tetanus, if given
4. General description of animal – breed, size, color, etc.
5. Address of animal and name of owner, if known.
6. If owner is unknown, give location where bitten.

Form can also be access through this link:

<http://myladhs.lacounty.gov/ov/Departments/DEM/Forms/Public Health - Animal Bite Reporting.pdf>

The form is then faxed to LA County Department of Public Health – Veterinary Public Health listed below.

Health Department:

Veterinary Public Health Tel: (213) 989-7060 Fax: (213) 481-2375

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References: LA County Department of Public Health - Veterinary. Retrieved October 21, 2016, from <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/medpro.htm>

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