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**Abnormal:** irregular; not normal

**Abscess:** a cavity formed in or on the body by disintegrating tissues; contains pus

**Abuse:** to injure by maltreatment; physical maltreatment

**Act:** the formal product of a legislative body; law; statute

**Acute:** having a sudden onset, sharp rise, and a short course

**Administer:** to give; to manage or oversee

**Adoption:** taking voluntarily and accepting as one's own

**Aggressive:** 1) having a readiness for combat or attack 2) demonstrating forceful energy or initiative; enterprising

**Airborne:** transported by air

**Anemia:** a condition in which blood is deficient in red blood cells, hemoglobin, or total volume

**Anesthetic:** a substance that produces a lack of awareness or sensitivity

**Animal:** a living creature with powers of instinct or thought, feelings, sensations, and the ability to move at will

**Antibody:** a substance in the blood that neutralizes foreign substances in the body

**Antiseptic:** a substance that destroys infectious organisms on living matter (for example, your hands)

**Anus:** the terminal opening of the intestinal tract

**Anxiety:** a feeling of uncertainty and fear

**Asocial:** not social; abnormal social behavior

**Attack:** 1) an occurrence of a disease 2) an attempt to injure by force

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**Bacteria:** microscopic organisms that live in soil, water, the bodies of plants and animals, or other living matter

**Barbiturate:** chemical used as a sedative or to induce sleep

**Behavior:** the responses of an individual to its environment; to act, function, or react in a particular manner

**Bitch:** a female canine

**Box trap:** a trap made in the shape of a box, usually of wood or wire screen, for safely capturing and enclosing an animal

**Breed:** (verb) to mate; (noun) an animal strain developed and maintained by man, usually with recognizable physical characteristics

**Breeding:** the sexual propagation (multiplication) of animals

**Canine:** a member of the family Canidae (for example, dogs, coyotes, wolves, and foxes); of or relating to dogs or the family Canidae

**Carcass:** a dead body; the skinned and gutted body of a meat animal

**Carnivore:** a flesh-eating animal

**Castrate:** to remove the organs of reproduction; usually refers to the removal of the testicles; neuter

**Certification:** the act of showing proof of meeting a set of standards

**Chain of custody:** the documentation of everyone who has handled evidence collected from a crime scene

**Chlamydia:** a member of genus of bacteria that multiply only within a host cell and have a unique growth cycle

**Choke:** to interrupt normal breathing by obstruction or compression of the windpipe (trachea); the act of choking

**Citation:** an official summons to appear before a court

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**Civil (law):** body of law concerned with the rights of private citizens in a specific state; applied to private citizens

**Class A misdemeanor:** a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or a maximum jail time not to exceed 1 year or a combination of a fine and jail time

**Class B misdemeanor:** a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or a maximum jail time not to exceed 180 days or a combination of a fine and jail time

**Class C misdemeanor:** a fine not to exceed \$500 and no jail time

**Clean:** free of dirt, contamination, or disease

**Clinical signs:** the evidence of disease in an animal (such as rash, fever, vomiting)

**Complaint:** a formal accusation or charge

**Condition:** 1) a state of physical fitness, health, or well-being 2) to put into a proper state for work or use

**Confine:** to restrict; to keep within certain limits; the act of confining

**Conjunctivitis:** an inflammation of the conjunctiva (mucous membrane that lines the inner surface of the eyelids)

**Constipation:** infrequent or difficult defecation

**Contagious:** can be transmitted from one individual to another; communicable; "catching"

**Contaminate:** to soil, stain, or infect by contact; to make impure

**Controlled substance:** any drug that is strictly regulated by the law

**Copulation:** the sexual union between male and female

**Credibility:** the condition of being believable

**Crepuscular:** active at twilight or dawn

**Criminal (law):** law dealing with crime and its punishment

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**Cruel:** causing suffering; sadistic; lacking humane feelings

**Cruelty:** the quality or state of being cruel; a cruel action

**Deciduous:** to shed seasonally or at a certain stage of the life cycle (such as tree leaves and baby teeth)

**Dehydration:** excessive water loss from the body or from an organ or body part

**Denatured:** unfit for human consumption without being spoiled for other uses

**Diagnose:** to provide a diagnosis (the identification of a disease from its clinical signs and symptoms and/or laboratory tests)

**Diarrhea:** a frequent, liquid defecation; unformed stools

**Didelphimorphia:** the order of mammals that includes the opossum and the kangaroo

**Diet:** the daily amount of food and water consumed

**Disease:** a departure from health; specific sickness or illness

**Disinfect:** to free from infectious material; sanitize

**Disinfectant:** a substance, commonly a chemical, that destroys infectious organisms

**Disposition:** 1) an individual's customary temperament or emotional response 2) making final arrangements in an orderly manner

**Diurnal:** active during the daytime

**Dog:** 1) a member of the family Canidae that has been domesticated 2) a male canine

**Domestic animal:** any animal normally adapted to live in intimate association with humans or for the advantage of humans

**Durable:** tough; hard-wearing; strong; long-lasting; sturdy

**Enforce:** 1) to impose by force 2) to make people obey a law

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**Environment:** the surrounding conditions

**Epidemic:** the occurrence of more human cases of disease than expected in a given area within a particular period of time

**Epidermis:** the outer layer of skin on an animal

**Epizootic:** an outbreak (epidemic) of disease in an animal population

**Equine:** a horse or an animal like a horse, including: mules, asses, donkeys, zebras, and ponies

**Eradicate:** to destroy; eliminate

**Estrus:** a regularly occurring period of sexual receptiveness and ovulation in female mammals; Aheat;@ Ain season@

**Ethology:** the study of animal behavior

**Euthanasia:** a painless and humane death

**Euthanatize or Euthanize:** to administer euthanasia; the act of euthanatizing

**Exemption:** a release from liability or requirement

**Extension:** 1) an increase in the length of time allowed to complete a task 2) a section forming an additional length

**External:** outside or on the surface

**Fatal:** causing death

**Fear:** a feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an expectation of danger, pain, or disaster

**Fearful:** causing fear or alarm because of a dangerous quality; arising from fear

**Feces:** the excrement discharged from the intestines; dung; manure; stool

**Feline:** a member of the family Felidae (for example, domestic cats, cougars, and bobcats); of or relating to cats or the family Felidae

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**Felony:** a crime more severe than a misdemeanor and subject to more severe punishment

**Feral:** having escaped from domestication and reverted to a wild state; untamed

**Fertilization:** the joining of the male and female reproductive cells (sperm and egg); conception

**Field:** the area of practical operation outside the office

**Fomite:** an inanimate object contaminated with an infectious agent and able to act as a source of infection to animals or people (for example, a dirty catch pole)

**Fracture:** a broken bone

**Fungi:** plural of fungus

**Fungus:** any of a group of primitive plants that lack chlorophyll: mildew, smut, and mushrooms; ringworm

**Germ:** a pathogenic microorganism; a microorganism, especially one that produces disease in animals

**Gestation:** carrying and developing of young in the uterus; pregnancy

**Hackles:** the hair on neck and back raised involuntarily by an animal in fright or anger

**Hazardous:** exposing to risk; dangerous

**High-risk animal:** an animal with a high chance of transmitting rabies

**Home range:** the furthest distance away from its home that an animal usually travels

**Hookworms:** microscopic, zoonotic, parasitic worms that infect domestic animals and are transmitted through the feces of an infected animal

**Humane:** compassion, sympathy, or consideration for humans or animals; also used in the term "humane society," a non-profit organization dedicated to compassionate treatment for animals

**Hybrid:** any offspring of two animals of different species

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**Hygiene:** sanitary living; cleanliness

**Ill (ill):** not in good health; sick

**Immune:** protected against a particular disease

**Immunization:** the process of rendering an individual immune by vaccination

**Immunocompromised:** the condition of having a weakened immune system, which can be caused, for example, by AIDS, chemotherapy, or a splenectomy

**Impound:** the act of collecting and confining an animal by a government entity or government contractor pursuant to a state or local ordinance; the act of impounding

**Impoundment:** the collecting and confining of an animal by a government entity or government contractor pursuant to a state or local ordinance; the act of impounding

**Impoundment facility:** an enclosure or a structure used to house impounded animals; an enclosure or a structure in which an animal is collected or confined by a government entity or government contractor pursuant to a state or local ordinance

**Incubation:** the period of time between the infection of an individual by a disease-causing organism and the appearance of clinical signs or symptoms of that disease

**Indigenous:** native to an area (for example, skunks in Texas)

**Infect:** to transmit disease-causing germs to another individual

**Infectious:** capable of causing infection (the invasion of the body by living disease-causing organisms)

**Infest:** 1) to live on a body as a parasite 2) to invade an inanimate object such as a building

**Infestation:** 1) the invasion of the outer body by insects, mites, ticks, etc. 2) to overrun or inhabit in large numbers, usually so as to be harmful

**Inhumane:** not humane; lacking compassion, sympathy, or consideration for humans or animals

**Inject:** to force a liquid into the body

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**Injectable:** capable of being injected; a fluid that can be forced into the body

**Insectivora:** the order of mammals that includes shrews and moles

**Internal:** inside the body

**Intestine:** the digestive system from the stomach to the anus; gut

**Intracardiac (IC):** within the heart

**Intraperitoneal (IP):** within the abdominal cavity

**Intravenous (IV):** within a vein

**Isolation:** the separation of one animal from other animals and people

**Judicial:** relating to a judgment; the administration of justice

**Jurisdiction:** the limits or territory within which authority may be exercised

**Kennel:** a shelter for a dog; an establishment for the boarding or raising of dogs

**Kill:** to deprive of life

**Laceration:** a torn, ragged wound

**Lagomorpha:** the order of mammals that includes rabbits and hares

**Law:** a rule of conduct or action formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority

**Legal:** deriving authority from or founded upon law

**Lethargic:** slow; drowsy; apathetic

**Liability:** the state of being liable; something for which one is liable

**Liability insurance:** an insurance providing financial coverage for injury or harm to another person caused by the insured person or his/her family or pets

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**Liabile:** legally obligated; responsible

**License:** the permission granted by competent authority to engage in an activity that is otherwise unlawful

**Listless:** a lack of desire to move

**Litter:** the offspring produced at one birth by a multiparous animal

**Live trap:** a trap for capturing animals alive and uninjured

**Liver:** 1) deep, red-brown color 2) an abdominal organ located under the diaphragm; the largest glandular organ in vertebrate animals

**Livestock:** equine animals or any animal raised for human consumption (such as horses, cows, or pigs)

**Livestock commission facility:** a place where people gather to buy and sell livestock

**Local rabies control authority (LRCA):** an individual appointed by a municipal or county government in Texas whose duties include enforcement of the Rabies Control Act (Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code)

**Log:** any of various records of performance

**Low-risk animal:** an animal with little chance of transmitting rabies

**Magistrate:** an official entrusted with the administration of the laws; judge; justice of the peace

**Malnutrition:** poor or inadequate nutrition

**Mammal:** a member of the class Mammalia; animals that nourish their young with milk secreted by mammary glands and that have skin covered with hair

**Microbe:** a microorganism; a microscopic organism

**Microorganism:** an organism visible only through a microscope; a microbe

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**Misdemeanor:** a minor offense for which statutes provide a lesser punishment than for a felony (includes Class A, B, and C misdemeanors)

**Mite:** a tiny animal related to spiders; often a parasite of the skin or ears

**Mucous membrane:** the thin layer that lines body openings such as the eyes, nose, and mouth

**Municipal:** referring to a city or town; self-government restricted to one locality

**Muzzle:** 1) the area of the nose and jaws that protrudes from an animal's face; the snout 2) a strap or device attached to the foreface of an animal to prevent it from biting or eating

**Narcotic:** a drug that dulls the senses, relieves pain, and produces sleep

**Neuter:** to render an animal incapable of reproduction by removal of the testicles or of the ovaries and uterus; castrate; spay

**News:** public communication organizations such as newspapers, magazines, radio, and television

**Nocturnal:** active at night

**Nonabsorbent:** not able to absorb; not able to soak up or take in

**Normal:** a regular or expected appearance or behavior

**Nuisance:** something annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious

**Objective:** 1) without bias or prejudice; detached 2) aim or goal

**Observation period:** the time following a potential rabies exposure during which the health status of the animal responsible for the exposure is monitored for signs of rabies; the observation period for dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets is 10 days

**Offense:** a violation of the law

**Oral:** pertaining to the mouth

**Ordinance:** a law created by a governmental body

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**Outbreak:** a sudden rise in the incidence of a disease

**Ovum:** the female reproductive cell which develops into a new member of the same species after fertilization; egg

**Paralysis:** complete or partial loss of muscle function

**Parasite:** an organism that lives upon or within an animal

**Pathogen:** any microorganism capable of causing disease

**Penal code:** a code of laws concerning crimes and offenses and their punishment

**Permit:** a document giving permission to do something

**Personal space:** the area within 0 to 4 feet of an animal (or person); the smallest space in an animal's (or person's) territory

**Pet:** a domesticated or tamed animal kept for pleasure rather than utility

**Population:** the total number of individuals occupying a specific area

**Potbelly:** an enlarged or swollen abdomen

**Prevent:** to keep from happening

**Profession:** an occupation requiring specialized study or training

**Professional:** a member of a profession; characteristic of a profession

**Prophylaxis:** prevention

**Prosecute:** to pursue for punishment of a violation of law in proper legal form

**Puberty:** sexual maturity; able to reproduce

**Public space:** the area greater than 12 feet from the animal, but it is still within the animal's territory

**Pulse:** a surge of blood in the arteries caused by the contractions of the heart; a beat

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**Purebred:** an animal whose parents were of the same breed

**Pursuit:** the act of following in order to overtake and capture; the act of pursuing

**Quarantine:** a state of enforced isolation; for rabies this means no "nose to nose" or direct contact between animals or between animals and people; the act of quarantining

**Quarantine facility:** the building or other structure used for quarantine of animals

**Quarantine period:** the length of time required by law for enforced isolation; the portion of the observation period during which an animal that has potentially exposed a human to rabies is under physical confinement

**Queen:** a female domestic cat

**Reclaim:** to demand or obtain again

**Reclamation:** the act of reclaiming

**Rectum:** the portion of the large intestine closest to the anus

**Register:** a written record containing prescribed entries

**Registered:** recorded with a governing body

**Registration:** the act of registering; a document certifying an act of registering

**Regulate:** to control; adjust to a standard

**Regulation:** a rule; an order having the force of law

**Rehabilitate:** to restore to good health or useful life

**Rehabilitator:** a person who rehabilitates

**Reproduce:** 1) to have offspring 2) to make copies

**Reproductive organs:** those body parts involved in reproduction, such as the testicles, prostate, and penis in males and the ovary, vagina, and uterus in females

**Reptile:** a member of the class Reptilia including snakes, lizards, and alligators

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**Requirements:** a set of rules or a task that must be met

**Reservoir:** a living or nonliving substance where infectious germs multiply, develop, or hide

**Respiration:** breathing; the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the atmosphere and the cells of the body

**Respiratory:** pertaining to respiration

**Restrain:** to limit or keep under control

**Ringworm:** a fungal parasite of the skin

**Rodent:** a member of the order Rodentia, including rats, mice, and squirrels

**Rodentia:** the order of mammals that includes rats, mice, hamsters, beavers, gerbils, gophers, voles, prairie dogs, guinea pigs, chipmunks, muskrats, porcupines, squirrels, and nutria

**Roundworms:** long, zoonotic, parasitic worms that infect dogs and cats and are transmitted through the feces of an infected animal

**Run:** 1) to go faster than a walk 2) an enclosure for animals

**Saddle:** 1) dark or black marking over the back of an animal 2) a padded leather seat used on the back of a horse by the rider

**Saliva:** a watery fluid secreted in the mouth; "spit"

**Salivary gland:** a gland located in the neck or throat that produces saliva

**Sanitary:** relating to health; kept in cleanliness

**Sanitation:** to make healthful with cleaning or sterilizing

**Secure:** 1) having no doubt of being safe 2) to obtain or get

**Sedated:** dosed with sedatives (a drug or chemical that calms)

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**Seizure:** 1) legally taking possession 2) sudden convulsions (violent shaking or trembling)

**Shock:** a state of depression of the vital processes associated with reduced blood volume and pressure, usually caused by severe injuries or hemorrhage

**Sick:** the absence of health; having a disease; ill

**Smooth:** an animal's coat having short hair that lies close to the body

**Social:** an interaction of an individual within a group that tends to form cooperative relationships

**Socialization:** the process of adapting to social contact

**Social space:** the area within 4 to 12 feet of an animal; part of the animal's territory

**Spay:** to remove the ovaries and uterus of a female animal

**Species:** a category of individual animals having common physical characteristics and known by a common name

**Specimen:** 1) a single member of a species 2) a sample taken to determine certain physical characteristics

**Sperm:** the male reproductive cell

**Spillover:** when a known pathogenic organism, such as rabies virus, infects a species other than the organism's usual reservoir species

**Standards:** a widely accepted set of rules, such as professional standards of conduct; something established by authority for use as a rule or basis of comparison in measuring or judging value or quality

**Starvation:** to suffer from the lack of something, such as food or affection

**Statute:** an established rule or formal regulation; a law passed by a legislative body and presented in a formal document

**Sterile:** free from all live bacteria or other microorganisms and their spores; not producing or incapable of producing offspring

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**Sterilization:** 1) the complete destruction of all living microorganisms 2) rendering an animal unable to reproduce

**Sterilize:** to make sterile

**Stress:** a physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension

**Subchapter:** a specific part of a main chapter

**Subpoena:** a legal writ requiring appearance in court to give testimony

**Subpoenaed:** issued a subpoena

**Tame:** unafraid of man; to reduce from a wild state to make useful to man

**Tapeworms:** zoonotic, parasitic worms that infect dogs and cats; some are transmitted by ingesting intermediate hosts, such as infected fleas

**Territory:** an area an animal defends against intruders

**Testes/Testicles:** the male reproductive organs that produce sperm

**Testify:** to make a statement under oath to establish a fact in a court of law

**Texture:** the visual or tactile surface characteristics

**Threaten:** to show or give signs of danger

**Titer:** a measure of the concentration of antibodies in the blood

**Tom:** a male domestic cat

**Tourniquet:** a device to control and prevent blood flow and bleeding

**Toxic:** poisonous

**Transmissible:** capable of being transmitted or passed

**Transmission:** the passing from one individual to another

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**Transmit:** to cause to spread or pass on; to spread from one person or animal to another

**Unsanitary:** not clean; unhealthful

**Unvaccinated:** has not received a vaccine

**Urban:** relating to a city

**Urinate:** to pass, void, or discharge urine

**Urine:** a fluid excreted by the kidneys, stored in the bladder, and discharged through the urethra

**Uterus:** the organ of the female mammal that contains the developing offspring after conception; womb

**Vaccinated:** has received a vaccine

**Vaccination:** the act of vaccinating

**Vaccine:** a preparation of disease-causing organisms administered to stimulate a protective or immune response

**Vector:** an organism that transfers a disease from one host to another

**Venom:** a toxic matter secreted by some animals, such as snakes, scorpions, and bees

**Venomous:** having a gland that produces venom and able to inflict venom into a wound

**Ventilation:** a good airflow; a system that provides fresh air and removes contaminated air

**Vermin:** any small, harmful, or objectionable animal that is difficult to control

**Veterinarian:** one who is educated, trained, and licensed to practice veterinary medicine; a doctor of veterinary medicine

**Veterinary:** the science of prevention and cure of disease and injury in animals

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**Vicious:** dangerously aggressive

**Violation:** the act of breaking or disregarding the law

**Virus:** any of a large group of submicroscopic agents that are smaller than bacteria and are capable of growth and multiplication only in living cells

**Vital:** necessary; essential

**Vomit:** to expel stomach contents through the mouth; the act of vomiting; "throw-up"

**Vomiting:** forcible ejection of contents of stomach through the mouth

**Vomitus:** the material that has been expelled from the body by vomiting

**Waiver:** a signed form forfeiting a known right, privilege, or claim

**Warrant:** an order authorizing an officer to make an arrest, seizure, or search or perform some other designated act

**Wild:** living in a natural state; not tame

**Xenarthra:** the order of mammals that includes armadillos, South American anteaters, and sloths

**Zoonoses:** any diseases transmissible between, or common to, animals and humans (zoonosis – singular)

**Zoonotic:** pertaining to a zoonosis; transmissible between, or common to, animals and humans