



**RICHARD A. BALL**  
Commissioner

**Certificate of Exemption from Rabies Vaccination for Dog Licensing**

Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

This Certificate is Valid Until: \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 1 yr from date of issuance)

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: CANINE

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Neutered: Y N Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Wt: \_\_\_\_\_

Colors/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

The animal described above has been examined by me and determined to be exempt from the New York State law requiring rabies vaccination because to do so would endanger the life of the animal. Describe the nature and duration of health risk:

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Veterinarian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ License / NAN: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above, I have been informed that this animal is exempt from the rabies vaccination for a period of up to one year, and also that I have been informed of the following important information:*

- *This animal must be re-examined by the expiration date listed above. At that time the animal must either be vaccinated against rabies or, if exemption status still applies, a new certificate must be issued.*
- *This animal is not protected against rabies, and as a result, is at increased risk of becoming infected if exposed to a rabid animal.*
- *Under State law, unvaccinated dogs, cats, or domesticated ferrets cannot be at large. "At large" means anywhere other than on the premises of the owner or of another person with that person's knowledge and consent.*
- *Exemption from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from other NYS laws related to rabies. If this animal potentially exposes a person to rabies (by bite or other means), it must be confined for 10 days in a facility approved by the county health department where the exposure occurred. If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies (e.g. – due to a bite from an unknown animal), the county health department may require it to be quarantined for 6 months.*

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this certificate must be provided to the owner of the animal listed above and kept as proof of exemption. For dogs, this certificate must be presented with an application for a dog license.