


AGENCY PROFILE

What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.

Agency Name	California Department of Public Health
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General Info/ Agency Mission	<p>The California Department of Public Health is dedicated to optimizing the health and well-being of the people in California. CDPH achieves its mission through the following core activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals and families in their communities and workplaces. • Preventing disease, disability, and premature death and reducing or eliminating health disparities. • Protecting the public from unhealthy and unsafe environments. • Providing or ensuring access to quality, population-based health services. • Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. • Producing and disseminating data to inform and evaluate public health status, strategies and programs.
Legal Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabies Laws and Regulations • California Medical Waste Management Act • Radiation Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4)
What it means to you	<p><u>Rabies</u>: CDPH has authority to collect rabies vaccination information if <u>local/county ordinances</u> are in place to allow it. In addition, dog bites should be reported to your local <u>public health official</u>.</p> <p><u>Medical Waste Management</u>: Medical waste (biohazardous, pharmaceutical, pathology, trace chemotherapeutic, and sharps waste must be <u>managed in accordance with the law</u>. Most practices use a state-approved <u>medical waste transporter</u> to dispose of waste, although in-house treatment and disposal systems are permitted by contacting your <u>county</u>. The Medical Waste Management Division can inspect premises for public health violations. You must <u>register</u> as a Small Quantity Generator with the program.</p> <p><u>Radiologic Health Branch</u>: <u>registers radiation producing machines</u>, <u>writes regulations</u> pertaining to radiation safety, and inspects practices for compliance.</p>

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