**Section 85.155 Release from Quarantine**

a) Upon the satisfaction of the Director that the reason for quarantine no longer exists, animals and premises quarantined under the Act will be released. The requirements for release will be determined using the most recent veterinary medical information available for the condition and/or based on consultation with USDA or other federal agencies and will reference the federal recommendations, guidelines or requirements.

b) Methods for quarantine release may include, but shall not be limited to:

1) Complete and total depopulation of affected animals followed by Department approved methods of cleaning and disinfection of the quarantined premises, when appropriate, as verified by a Department representative.

2) Completion of a Department approved testing protocol that proves the condition no longer exists in the affected and susceptible animals.

3) The use of a Department approved vaccination protocol combined with an approved testing protocol and depopulation of the affected animals.

4) Completion of a Department approved treatment protocol followed by a Department approved testing protocol proving the condition no longer exists in the treated animals.

5) Fulfillment of the requirements for quarantine release provided in the Program Standards or the Uniform Methods and Rules published by USDA for the state/federal cooperative disease program applicable to the condition that prompted the quarantine. Current Program Standards and Uniform Methods and Rules can be obtained from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale MD 20737-1234 or at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

6) After the lapse of an appropriate length of time, it is determined to the satisfaction of the Director that the condition for which the quarantine was issued no longer exists.

c) Within 90 days after the issuance of a quarantine, the Department will provide the owner with a protocol through which the quarantine will be released.

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