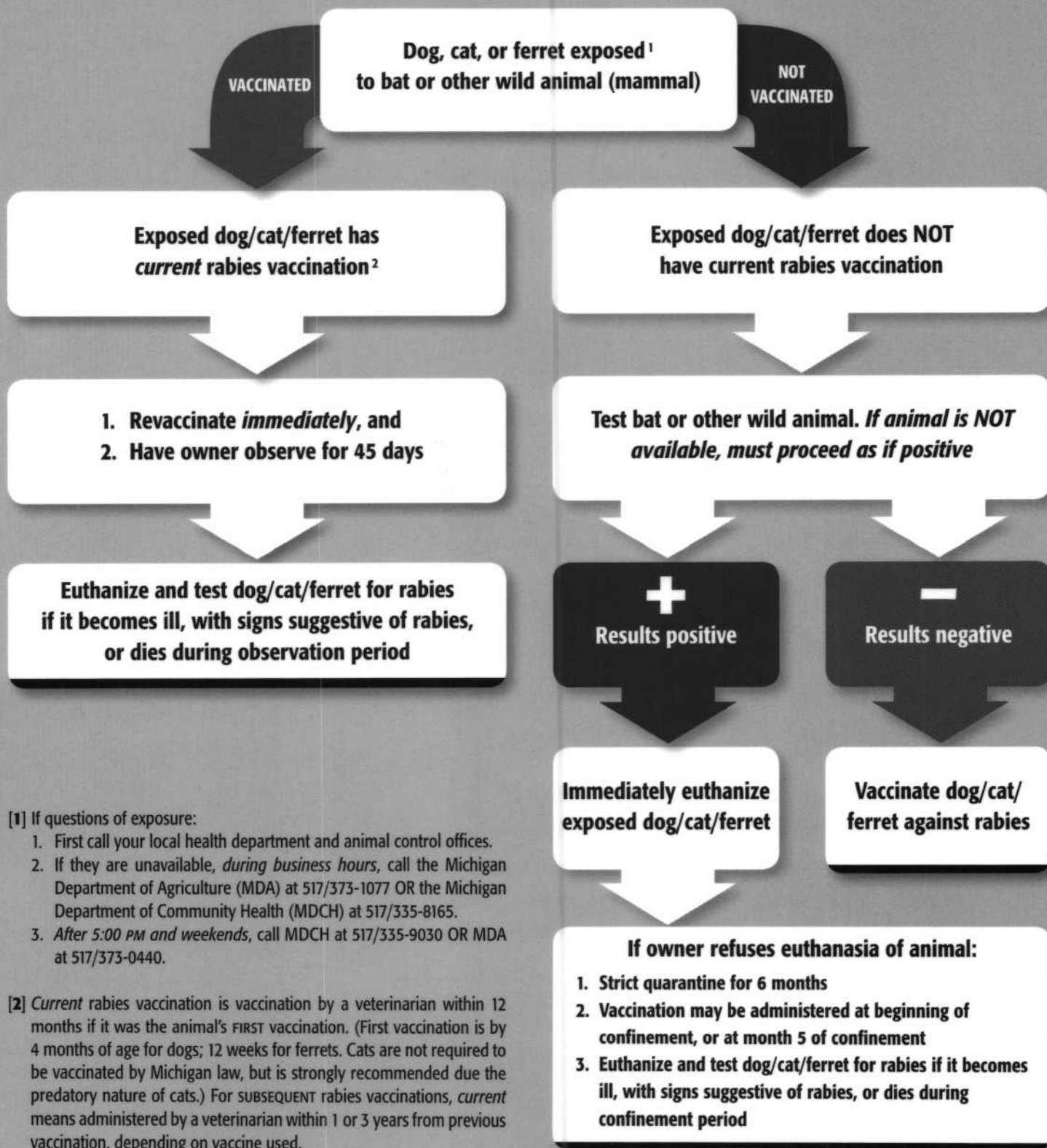


# RABIES PROTOCOLS

**FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS  
POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO RABIES**



[1] If questions of exposure:

1. First call your local health department and animal control offices.
2. If they are unavailable, *during business hours*, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) at 517/373-1077 OR the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at 517/335-8165.
3. *After 5:00 PM and weekends*, call MDCH at 517/335-9030 OR MDA at 517/373-0440.

[2] *Current rabies vaccination* is vaccination by a veterinarian within 12 months if it was the animal's *FIRST* vaccination. (First vaccination is by 4 months of age for dogs; 12 weeks for ferrets. Cats are not required to be vaccinated by Michigan law, but is strongly recommended due the predatory nature of cats.) For *SUBSEQUENT* rabies vaccinations, *current* means administered by a veterinarian within 1 or 3 years from previous vaccination, depending on vaccine used.