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Mike Beam, Secretary

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**ORDER ALLOWING DOGS EXHIBITING SIGNS OF OR DIAGNOSED WITH A KNOWN  
INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM LICENSED  
ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUE NETWORKS TO FOSTER HOMES**

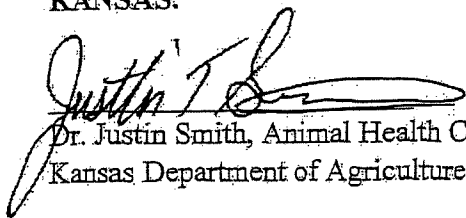
**COMES NOW**, Justin Smith, DVM, Animal Health Commissioner, Kansas Department of Agriculture who has determined that foster homes, as defined in K.A.R. 9-18-4 and which are in good standing pursuant to K.A.R. 9-18-28, may be utilized as temporary quarantine facilities for dogs considered to be contagious or infectious in nature. To relieve the risk of exposure to other animals in an animal shelter or rescue network facility, dogs affected by an infectious or contagious disease may be transferred to foster homes under the conditions set forth in this order.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to K.S.A. 47-610, that dogs considered to be contagious or infectious in nature may be transferred from licensed animal shelters and rescue networks to foster homes under the following conditions:

- (1) The veterinarian having a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with a licensed animal shelter or rescue network shall provide the receiving foster care provider with a written treatment plan;
- (2) The veterinarian having a valid VCPR with the licensed animal shelter or rescue network shall provide the receiving foster care provider with a written statement of the exposure risk to other animals while caring for an infected dog. This statement shall emphasize the importance of quarantining the dog(s) to prevent further exposure, and
- (3) A copy of the written treatment plan and the written risk exposure statement shall be signed by both parties and retained by the animal shelter or rescue network manager for three years after the date of adoption.

Once the dog is no longer considered to be contagious or infectious by the veterinarian having a valid VCPR with the animal shelter or rescue network, the dog may then be adopted out to the public.

**IT IS SO ORDERED, THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL 2019 AT MANHATTAN, RILEY COUNTY,  
KANSAS.**



Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner  
Kansas Department of Agriculture