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Julia Murphy, DVM State Public Health Veterinarian Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Rabies Regulations

12 VAC 5-105 et seq.

Dear Dr. Murphy:

I have reviewed the Rabies Regulations to be contained in 12 VAC 5-105 *et seq*. These regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the regulations under Va. Code § 32.1-12 and Acts 2010 c. 834, cl.2. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate, and the Board will not exceed its statutory authority by approving these regulations to go out for public comment.

Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Special Counsel