May 20, 2003

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
    Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
    Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Revised Rabies Control Guidelines

Please note the following revisions to the Rabies Control Guidelines:

Page 7:

BCCDC has just instituted an on-call system for evenings, weekends and holidays, apart from the Medical Microbiologist being on-call. The on-call phone number is specified.

Page 13:

Appendix B - Rabies Biologicals Depot Sites
    Vancouver Island Health Authority addition

Page 17:

Paragraph one “If the temperature has been not been maintained, please contact the BC Centre for Disease Control (phone numbers are listed below): has been changed to:

“If the temperature has not been maintained, please contact the local health unit.

Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

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Please insert the following replacement pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

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