August 5, 2003

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

Re: Rabies Control Guidelines

Please note the following revisions to the Rabies Control Guidelines:

Page 15 (page 2 of Appendix C: Rabies Exposure Report and Rabies Biologicals Request Form):

- The last section of the form has been changed. It is titled "Biologics Requested," the statement "BCCDC Use Only" deleted, and recording of rabies vaccine and HRIG lot # (s) deleted.

Pages 16 and 17:

- Consistent with the Immunization Manual, the ventrogluteal area is the preferred site for the administration of HRIG to individual 5 years of age and older. Its use is preferred to that of the dorsogluteal site.

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

Rabies Control Guidelines
Pages 15 and 16 Dated April 2003
Page 17 Dated May 2003

Insert replacement pages 15, 16, and 17 Dated August 2003
The revised guidelines for rabies control are posted on the BCCDC website at: http://www.bccdc.ca/

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