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2     "**§ 130A-198. Confinement.**

3             A person who owns or has possession of an animal which is suspected of having rabies  
4 shall immediately notify the local health director or county Animal Control Officer and shall  
5 securely confine the animal in a place designated by the local health director. ~~Dogs and~~  
6 ~~eats~~Dogs, cats, and ferrets shall be confined for a period of 10 days. Other animals may be  
7 destroyed at the discretion of the State Public Health Veterinarian."

8                     **SECTION 1.(n)** G.S. 130A-199 reads as rewritten:

9     "**§ 130A-199. Rabid animals to be destroyed; heads to be sent to State Laboratory of**  
10 **Public Health.**

11             An animal diagnosed as having rabies by a licensed veterinarian shall be destroyed and its  
12 head sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health. The heads of all ~~dogs and cats~~dogs, cats,  
13 and ferrets that die during the 10-day confinement period required by G.S. 130A-196, shall be  
14 immediately sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health for rabies diagnosis."

15                     **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.