**New York Department of Health**

**CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM RABIES VACCINATION**

Date of Exam: _____

This certificate is valid until: _____
(not to exceed one year from date of issuance)

Owner Name: _____
First Last

Telephone Number: _____

Physical Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Dogs Name: _____ Breed: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age: _____ Weight: _____ Color: _____ Altered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The animal described above has been examined by me and determined to be exempt from the New York State law requiring rabies vaccination because to do so would endanger the life of the animal.

Veterinarian's Signature: _____ License #: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above. I have been informed that this animal is exempt from rabies vaccination for a period of up to one year, and also that I have been informed of the following important information:

This animal must be re-examined by the expiration date listed above. At that time the animal must either be vaccinated against rabies or, if exemption status still applies, a new certificate must be issued.

This animal is not protected against rabies, and as a result is at increased risk of becoming infected if exposed to a rabid animal.

Under State law, unvaccinated dogs, cats or domesticated ferrets cannot be at large. At large means anywhere other than on the premises of the owner or of another person with that person's knowledge and consent.

Exemption from rabies vaccinated does not exempt the animal from other NYS laws related to rabies. If this animal potentially exposes a person to rabies (by bite or other means), it must be confined for 10 days in a facility approved by the county health department where the exposure occurred. If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies (e.g., due to a bite from an unknown animal), the county health department may require it to be quarantined for six months.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of this certificate must be provided to the owner of the animal listed above and kept as proof of exemption.
For dogs, this certificate must be presented with an application for a dog license.