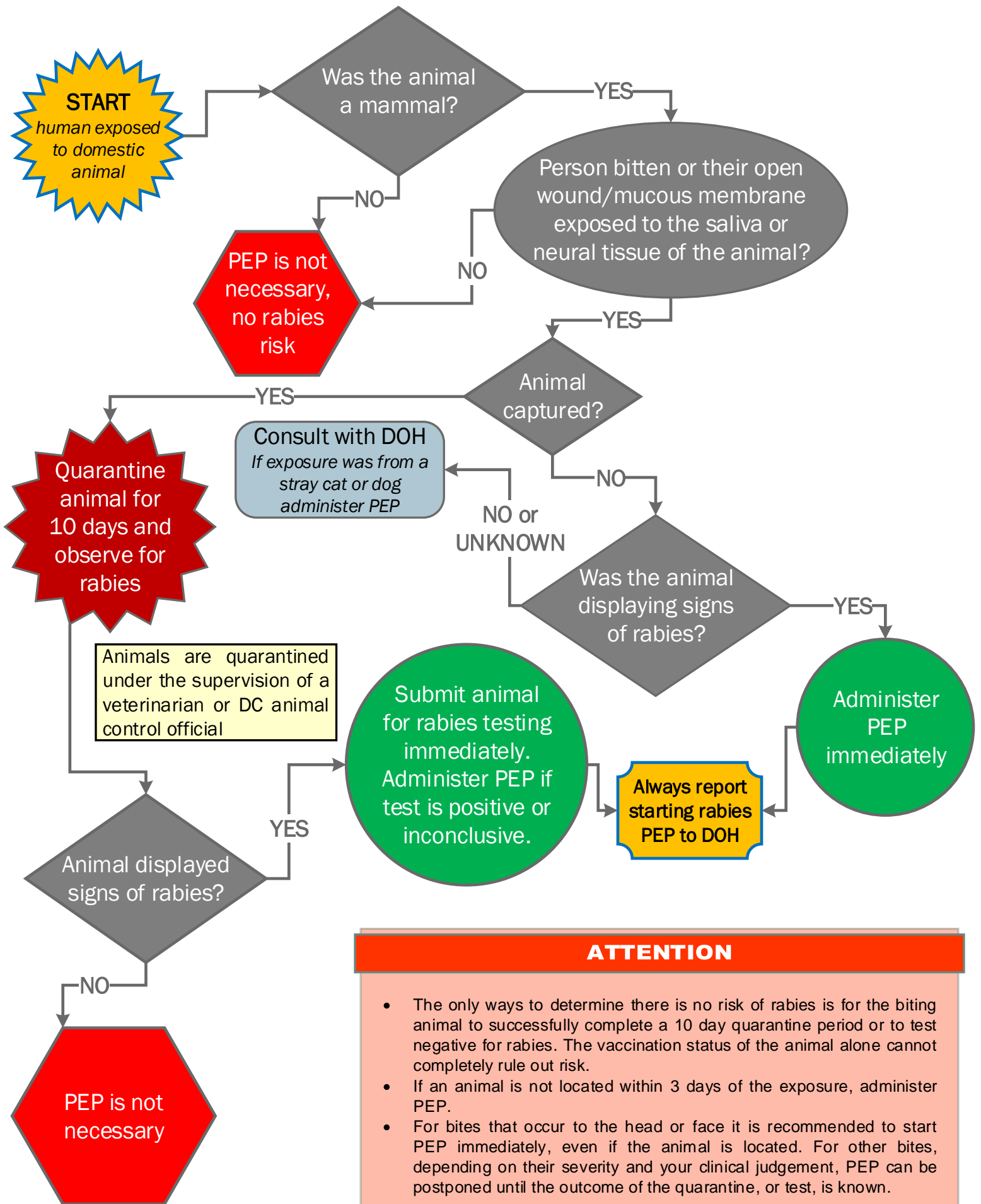


DC Department of Health Guidelines for **Administering Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP): Human exposed to Domestic Animal (dog, cat, or ferret)**



ATTENTION

- The only ways to determine there is no risk of rabies is for the biting animal to successfully complete a 10 day quarantine period or to test negative for rabies. The vaccination status of the animal alone cannot completely rule out risk.
- If an animal is not located within 3 days of the exposure, administer PEP.
- For bites that occur to the head or face it is recommended to start PEP immediately, even if the animal is located. For other bites, depending on their severity and your clinical judgement, PEP can be postponed until the outcome of the quarantine, or test, is known.