



Rabies Sample Submissions

Rabies suspect animal specimens may be sent to the laboratory directly by Local Public Health Departments provided there is a person delegated with the responsibility of promptly notifying the owner/complainant of the POSITIVE or NEGATIVE rabies test results.

Samples to submit

Mammals (dogs, cats, skunks, etc.) send head (livestock - remove brain)
Bats- submit entire animal
Cerebellum and brainstem are both needed for testing.
Keep specimens refrigerated or frozen.

Place specimen in two plastic bags and close securely

Insert bagged specimen into a leak-proof container.
Place frozen gel packs (or dry ice) and adequate condensation absorbent material into outer container. Do not use wet ice as it will leak and cause the carrier anxiety, stopping movement of the shipment.

Fill out the Rabies Diagnostic Requisition Form completely.
This form can be downloaded from the KSU Rabies Lab webpage at <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/rabies/> or acquired from KSU.

Put the Rabies Diagnostic Requisition Form inside the outer container in a position where it will be available when the box is first opened.
Sealing the form in a plastic bag will ensure that it does not become wet from condensation from ice packs.

IF THERE IS HUMAN EXPOSURE call HHSS (402-471-2937 or 402-471-1374) for a Rabies Accession number. The RA number is to be written in the upper margin of the Requisition Form. The

number is necessary for the State to pay for testing. Consult with HHSS Rabies Coordinator to verify animal qualifies for payment. If the specimen does not meet the criteria for HHSS payment, the owner/complainant will be responsible for the testing fees. The current rabies testing charge is \$30.

Send specimens by overnight carrier to avoid decomposition and arrival of unsuitable samples.

Specimens are accepted 24 hours per day- 7 days a week at KSU, however consider how any weekends or holidays will affect service from the shipping company.

It is better to hold a specimen and send it on Monday, rather than risk it decomposing in a warehouse over the weekend. Specimens may also be transported to KSU via private vehicle at any time.

Send Samples to:

KSU RABIES DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY
1800 N. Denison Avenue, MOSIER HALL
Manhattan, KS 66506-5601

Rabies Lab Phone: 785-532-4483
KSU Rabies Lab FAX: 785-532-4474
Email: rabies@vet.ksu.edu

(Do NOT send samples to the Topeka address on back of Rabies Diagnostic Requisition Form)

Questions?

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