



Rabies Test Request Form

RABIES TESTING REQUIRES PRIOR EPIDEMIOLOGIST APPROVAL FROM THE STATE (208-334-5939) OR PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT (<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/HealthDistricts/tabid/97/Default.aspx>).

Approval received: Approving Epidemiologist: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A district or state-level epidemiologist must be consulted prior to sample submission for testing at Idaho Bureau of Laboratories (IBL). Rabies test approval will be based on the human or animal exposure risk.
- IBL is the only laboratory in Idaho that tests for rabies.
- Notification of positive results will be made immediately to the parties involved. It is critical that the specimen be tested as soon as possible after the incident to facilitate treatment decisions.
- For more information, contact Division of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention at (208) 334-5939.

VETERINARIAN/PROVIDER

OWNER/SUBMITTER

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, County)

Phone: _____

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, County)

Phone: _____

SUBMITTED ANIMAL SPECIES: _____ **DATE OF EXPOSURE:** _____

Name and phone of person(s) exposed: _____

Animal(s) exposed: _____ Vaccine status and date: _____

- Provoked attack Unprovoked attack Handled Bat Woke up with bat in room
- Bite Scratch Saliva contamination of: ___ mucous membranes ___ open wounds

Describe the human or animal exposure in detail: _____

SAMPLE PACKAGING AND SHIPPING INFORMATION: Bats should be submitted intact. Other animals should be decapitated by an approved agency (e.g., veterinarian, animal control) and only the head submitted for rabies testing. No whole skunk bodies will be accepted.

1. Place the specimen in a heavy plastic bag and tie off so leakage cannot occur.
2. Place this bag in a second bag that contains absorbent material and tie off in a similar manner.
3. If dropping off the specimen in person, place this bag in a leak-proof rigid insulated container with ice packs to ensure the package remains cool until it reaches IBL. Do not freeze the specimen.
 - Place this test request form in a water-proof plastic bag (e.g., zip lock bag) between the second bag and the rigid container so the biohazard symbol on this form is visible upon opening.
4. If shipping the sample via FedEx, UPS, or USPS (First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, or Priority Mail Express) it must be packaged as a Category B infectious substance. Additional information can be found at the bottom of the IBL web page: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/Labs/ClinicalTesting/tabid/190/Default.aspx>
5. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories, attention Rabies Laboratory
2220 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712
6. Please notify IBL Rabies Laboratory by phone (208-334-0593) or email IBLclinical@dhw.idaho.gov to provide FedEx or UPS tracking information on the shipped sample.



It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure proper packaging and shipping of potentially infectious substances.