

Request Forms

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OSPHL Specimen Number

RABIES EXAMINATION

RESULTS

- NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 SPECIMEN UNSATISFACTORY
- BRAIN DECOMPOSED/DESTROYED
 UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BRAIN PARTS
 SPECIMEN IMPROPERLY SUBMITTED

Analyst: _____ Date: _____

Authorizing Public Health Official/Contact:

Phone: _____

Submitter Facility, Clinic or County

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

TYPE OF ANIMAL: _____

Animal History:

- Died Killed Hit by Car Date of Death _____
 Paralysis Not Eating/Drinking Other _____

Person Bitten

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Bite History

Date of Bite: _____ Site(s) of Bite: _____

Severe Superficial Mild

Provoked Bite Unprovoked

Circumstances of Bite: _____

Type of Testing

Batch Testing Express Testing (Must State Justification)

INSTRUCTIONS

- When euthanasia is required, use gas or some other means that does not damage the head. Strychnine or other chemical poisons should not be used as they may interfere with animal inoculation tests
- If specimen is a bat submit the entire bat. For all other animals submit only the severed head.
- Place animal head or bat into a heavy-duty plastic bag (Heavy duty Freezer Bags work well). Normal duty trash bags are not appropriate and should not be used. Tape closure securely to prevent leakage.
- Package specimen with sufficient refrigerant to keep specimen cold for at least 24 hours. Refrigerant of choice is artificial ice.
 - Place **artificial ice** and the sealed animal head or whole bat into a second watertight container.
 - If artificial ice is not available and wet ice must be used, place wet ice in a sealed heavy duty or double plastic bags. Place the bagged ice and the sealed animal head or bat into a second watertight container. Melted ice water must not come into contact with head. **Do not use dry ice as a refrigerant.** Rabies virus, if present, can be inactivated by CO₂.
 - Place the second watertight container inside a third "outside" insulated container.
- Place **completed** requisition form between the second watertight container and the outside container. Seal the outside container.
- Address the outside container to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory, 3150 NW 229th Avenue Suite 100, Hillsboro, OR 97124-6536.
- Label the outside of container "Diagnostic Specimen, call 503-693-4100 upon arrival."
- Ship prepaid by fastest means available (probably bus) as soon as possible. **Do Not Ship** for arrival on non-work days (weekends and holidays) **without** prior authorization by ACDP or the OSPHL. Notify OSPHL to expect a shipment. Include information regarding shipment date, mode of transport and expected time of arrival.

Rabies Examination (Form 51) (reduced for illustration)

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