

**California Department of Public Health - Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory
Rabies Examination Submittal Form**

Animal Species <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	Date received and VRDL Specimen Accession # PLACE VRDL ACCESSION LABEL HERE
Date Collected <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/> Date Sent <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/>	
Submitter ID <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/> Human(s) Exposure? <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/> Name(s) <input style="width:60%;" type="text"/>	
Date <input style="width:10%;" type="text"/> Exposure Type <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/> Human body part(s) w/ bite/exposure <input style="width:65%;" type="text"/>	
Comments <input style="width:98%;" type="text"/>	

ANIMAL HISTORY

Animal Vaccine History	Nature of Contact/Attack	Animal Status When Found	Subsequent History
<input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>
Were <u>other</u> animals bitten or exposed? <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/>		If yes, what species? <input style="width:60%;" type="text"/>	
Date of Exposure <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/>	Exposure Type <input style="width:15%;" type="text"/>	Comments <input style="width:60%;" type="text"/>	

SPECIMEN(S) SUBMITTED

- Whole Head Whole Animal Brain stem and bilateral samples of the hippocampus and/or cerebellum
- Stained & unstained slides Other (describe): _____

Specimen Requirements and Shipping Instructions

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS - Whenever possible, the brain of the animal should be removed. The entire head may be sent for bats or other small animals. Proper sampling of the brain consists of collecting 2-5 grams of brain tissue, including cross section of brain stem and cerebellum. If the cerebellum is not available, bilateral cross sections of the hippocampus may be sent. Brain stem and cerebellum must be clearly labeled and put into separate containers so we can be sure that we are receiving the correct samples.

NOTE: Do not formalin fix the brain tissue. Freezing brain samples should be avoided whenever possible since it damages the brain tissues and makes it more difficult to prepare satisfactory slides. Glycerol saline is no longer acceptable to avoid bacterial contamination, because it can interfere with the staining reaction.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS - Brain specimens, which should be received by the VRDL within 48 hours of sampling, may be stored and shipped at 4 C. Call the VRDL at (510) 307-8585 for a consultation if these conditions cannot be met. Specimens (whole bats, heads or cross section of the brain stem and cerebellum or hippocampus if cerebellum is not available) should be sent via an overnight delivery service inside a tightly sealed inner container(s) placed inside a shipping container certified for shipment of clinical samples. Add several cold packs to keep the specimen cool during shipment. Place this form inside a plastic bag so it will not get moist and include inside the shipping container.

For cases involving a human exposure to suspected rabid animal, call the VRDL at (510) 307-8585 before shipping specimens.

The VRDL is required to initiate an animal rabies case report form for all animals positive for rabies. This case report form will be mailed to the submitter for completion and an informational copy sent to the Department of Health Services Veterinary Public Health Section (VPHS). The submitter is responsible for sending the completed form to the VPHS. To obtain more information: Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) Phone (510) 307-8585 Fax (510) 307-8599

LOCAL LABORATORY RESULTS

Please send your controls, stained and unstained specimen slides along with the specimen so the VRDL may look at the same slides that were observed in your laboratory.

Local Laboratory Test Results

Description of reading

Select Conjugate(s) Used Millipore 5100 Fujirebio
 Millipore 6500 Millipore 5500
 Other (describe): _____

Submitter Information

For a consultation, please contact the VRDL.

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