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Rabies Testing Request Form

Submitter:

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone: _____
must be answered 24/7
Fax: _____
Email: _____

Owner Name/location submitted animal found:

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____
Alternative Phone No.: _____

Submitted Animal:

Submitted Animal ID/Name: _____ Animal was? Found dead Euthanized Killed
Species: _____ Breed: _____ Date of death: _____ Date collected: _____
Sex, if known: _____ Age, if known: _____ Rabies Vaccinated? Yes, date _____ No Unknown
Nature of Submission: Head Only Dead animal (fresh) Dead animal (frozen) freezing not recommended unless submission will be delayed

Exposure:

Human exposure? Yes No **If yes, have you contacted CT Department of Public Health?** Yes No
Type of exposure:
 Was any person bitten by the submitted animal? If yes, Date of bite: _____
 Did any person have contact with saliva from the submitted animal?
If the submitted animal is a bat, is there possibility of human exposure? Example, was the bat found in a bedroom, in a room where a person was sleeping, or with a person who is unable to communicate if they were bitten? Yes No
Name of exposed person: _____ Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Description of exposure incident:

Domestic Animal exposure? Yes No Name of Owner: _____
Type of exposure: Address: check if same as Owner/Submitter info above
 Bite Scratch Contact with Dead Animal
Description of exposure incident:

Disposition of Remains:
 Communal Cremation (included in cost of rabies testing fee if under 40lbs) Private Cremation, Animal must test negative (additional cost determined by crematorium)

Authorization for testing—See reverse side for submission guidelines and further authorization requirements

****Authorization for Testing**** – (to be signed by the financially responsible party):

I understand and accept responsibility for all charges incurred as a result of testing services performed on my behalf or the party I represent.

Print name

Signature

SPECIMEN PREPARATION:

- A. Do not damage skull or shoot in the head. The skull must remain intact.
- B. Refrigerate specimen immediately.
- C. Specimen must be fresh. The specimen should be delivered as soon as possible after the animal's death. The test cannot be performed if the specimen is decomposed.
- D. Freezing is not recommended, unless submission will be delayed. Frozen brain tissue softens when thawed and this can prevent reliable testing.
- E. Do not send specimen in formalin. The standard FA test cannot be performed on formalin-fixed tissues.

PACKAGING:

- A. Specimen should be double bagged in heavy duty plastic bags.
- B. EACH bag should be securely sealed to prevent leaks.
- C. If specimen has any sharp protruding parts (shattered bone or porcupine quills), wrap it in several layers of newspaper or other material to prevent puncture of the bag.
- D. Place properly bagged specimen in an insulated container and surround the specimen with frozen packs or wet ice contained in plastic bags.
- E. Close securely with tape and attach a Rabies Testing Request Form.
- F. **TRANSPORT CONTAINERS/COOLERS CANNOT BE RETURNED.**

LABORATORY HOURS:

Normal Laboratory business hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

After-hours submission is available Monday—Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is no need for an appointment. To reach after-hours staff please call (860)208-1107. There is a **\$40** after hours surcharge added to all specimens submitted outside of the laboratory's normal business hours of Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For questions concerning human exposure, prophylaxis, and submission of animal involved in an possible exposure incident, contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Epidemiology and Emerging Infections Program at (860) 509-7994 or your local health department.

For questions concerning livestock and domestic animals exposed to rabies (e.g., rabies control protocols, biting, quarantine, vaccination requirements), contact the Department of Agriculture, Animal Control Division or the State Veterinarian at (860) 713-2505 or 860-713-2506.

For questions regarding testing of animals that do not satisfy criteria for testing at the DPH Laboratory, (e.g., exposed domestic animals) contact the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at (860) 486-3738.

For questions concerning wildlife (unusual behavior, rabies, exposures to, etc.) contact the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Wildlife Division at (860) 424-3011. For emergencies call (860) 424-3333.

For additional information or for reporting incidents of animals biting people or domestic animals, please contact your local Animal Control Office