



## Rabies Guidance for Veterinarians

### Human Exposure/Animal Bite/Disease Reporting Information

- Animal bites and possible human rabies exposures should be reported to the Division of Disease Control and Forensic Pathology at 701.328.2378 or 800.472.2180. After hours emergency contact for Disease Control is 701.220.0819.
  - The Division of Disease Control will notify the Board of Animal Health.
- Information that should be reported to Disease Control:
  - Type of animal.
  - Name and contact information of the owner of the animal.
  - Name and contact information of the person exposed (if different than owner).
  - Rabies vaccination history of animal (if applicable).
  - Clinical signs of rabies of animal (if applicable).
  - Date exposure occurred.
  - Circumstances surrounding exposure.
- Disease Control will follow up with the owner and the exposed person if warranted.

### Non-Human Exposure Reporting Information

- North Dakota State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) should be notified at 701.328.2654. After-hours contact information for the BOAH is 701.220.0092 or 701.220.5194.

### Laboratory Testing Information

- Brain should be excised by licensed veterinarian only.
- Brain should be sent to the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
  - For shipping protocols, questions about weekend services, test times, results, etc., please contact NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at 701.231.8307.

### **NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

Mailing Address:

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NDSU Dept 7691

PO Box 6050

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**Cost of Test****NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

- Cost of the test for North Dakota residents is ~\$50.00. This includes a case accession fee, brain extraction, carcass disposal, histopathology and direct FA. PCR and immunohistochemistry are available as well if needed.