

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 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 either the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory or North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services Laboratory Services (NDDHHS LS).
 - For shipping protocols, questions about weekend services, test times, results, etc., please contact NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at 701.231.8307 or NDDHHS LS at 701.328.6283.

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

Mailing Address:

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

NDSU Dept 7691

PO Box 6050

Fargo, ND 58108-6050

Courier Address:

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

4035 19th Ave N.

NDDHHS Laboratory Services

Mailing Address:

2635 East Main Ave

Bismarck, ND 58506

Cost of Test

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

- Cost of the test for North Dakota residents is \$47.00. This includes a case accession fee, brain extraction, carcass disposal, histopathology and direct FA. PCR and immunohistochemistry are available as well if needed.

NDDHHS Laboratory Services

- No charge for testing, however NDDHHS LS will only accept brain tissue that has been removed by a licensed veterinarian (also includes samples sent from ND Game and Fish).