

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 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:

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

NDSU Dept 7691

PO Box 6050

Fargo, ND 58108-6050

Courier Address:

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

NDSU Van Es Hall

1523 Centennial Boulevard

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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.