

Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY



VETERINARY LABORATORY DIVISION

LABORATORY EXAMINATION REQUEST FORM (RABIES SAMPLE SUBMISSION)							
LABORATORY ACCESSION NUMBER: (for ADDRL)			DATE SUBMITTED: (mm/dd/yy)//				
ORIGIN OF SAMPLES:				SUBMITTED BY:			
Owner:							
House No./ Street:				Address:			
Barangay:				Tel. No.:			
Municipality/City: Province:							
Tel. No.:				☐ WHOLE CARCASS ☐ HEAD ☐ BRAIN			
Email Address:						-	
ANIMAL PROFILE							
Residence of the anir Species:			_Sex	!	Age:	(months)	
Type of Ownership: ☐ Household Pet ☐ Pet of Neighbor ☐ Stray Animal							
☐ Farm Anin	nal 🗆 Othe	ers (specify))				
Pet Management:							
☐ Confined		Leashed			□Freely r	roaming	
☐ Occasiona	lly roaming \qed	l Others					
Contact with o	other animals?	l Yes			lo		
	: □ Household □			☐ Others (s	specify)		
Vaccination History		_		•	,		
☐ Rabies				☐ Others:			
Type:				Type:			
Date of Last Vaccination: (mm/dd/yy)/ Date: (mm/dd/yy)/						/yy)/	
Bitch Vaccinated? (For puppies 3 months and below)							
If sick, duration of ill	ness: from	/	/	to	/		
Cause of Death:	□ Euthanasia □ Illness □ Accident	Date:		Ti	me:	AM/PM	
		Date:		Ti	me:	AM/PM	
		Date:		Ti	me:	AM/PM	
	□ Others	Date:		Ti	me:	AM/PM	
Behavioral Changes				Other sign	s of Illnes	SS	
□ No				lone			
				Diarrhea			
• •			omiting/				
·			nappetence				
3			Jaundice				
3			Skin lesions				
_				Lethargy/ weakness			
•				Nasal/ Ocular discharge			
				Convulsion/ Seizures			
	Others (specify)						
PURPOSE							
☐ Diagnostics ☐ Surveillance ☐ Disease Investigation ☐ Others (specify)							
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		VICTIM PROFIL	E			
Name:		Age:	Sex:_			
Address (Pls. include						
	Time of Bite:					
Site of Bite			Nature of Bite			
□ Head	□ Upper Extremity	y	□ Scratch	☐ Multiple		
☐ Trunk		•	□ Single			
☐ Lower Extremity	☐ Others (specify))	🗆 Moderate	☐ Severe		
Bite Provoked? □Yes	□No	If yes, explain_				
Treatment Received: ☐ Anti- Rabies Ty ☐ Anti- Tetanus Ty		Туре				
		Type	Date Received:			
☐ Others (specify)			Date Received:			
Retrieval of samples/o	carcass will not be a	VIEW OF REQU allowed once rece		ory for the purpose of		
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Receiving Staf		Client				
	GUIDELINES FO	R RABIES SPECIM	IEN SUBMISSION			

Specimen Requirements

- Specimen that was not preserved 6 hours or more after death can be accepted but will be further assessed for fitness/quality prior to testing.
- Whole carcass, decapitated animal head, whole brain or at least 1x1 centimeter cross-section of brainstem and cerebellum, as fresh as possible, can be accepted for testing. [NOTE: A trained, qualified person equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must decapitate the animal head and/or collect the brain tissue.]
- Samples which cannot be transported/shipped to the laboratory immediately, can be preserved at refrigerated temperature (4°C±2) for whole carcasses and animal head, or using 50% glycerol solution for brain tissue.
- DO NOT FIX NOR PRESERVE USING FORMALIN OR ALCOHOL SOLUTION.
- **DO NOT SUBMIT LIVE ANIMALS.**

Packaging and Transport

- Place specimen in two layers sealable leak-proof containers or plastic bags. Place the double-enclosed specimen inside a container (ex. styrofoam box).
- Place frozen gel packs in the container. Ensure samples are maintained in cool temperature for 48 hours. Use of ice is not recommended but if used, place it on a double-bag and seal to prevent leakage. <u>DO NOT USE DRY ICE.</u>
- Use absorbent packing material, such as newspaper or paper towels, to cushion the specimen and to absorb condensation or potential leaks. Close the container and secure it with packaging tape.

Testing Schedule and Routine Turnaround Time

- Regular sample submission is from Monday to Friday at 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except for local and national holidays.
- Cut-off time for processing of rabies samples is 2:00 PM. Specimen received later than the cut-off time will be preserved and processed on the next working day.
- Outside regular submission hours, well-packed samples can be submitted to the laboratory assisted by the security personnel. These samples will be officially logged and processed on the next working day.
- Results are available after one (1) to two (2) working days from the date of testing. It will be sent thru e-mail, short message service, phone call or will be available for pick-up at the laboratory.

Fee

Rabies Direct Fluorescence Antibody testing is free until December 2025 (see A.O. 39, S2020)

ADDRL has the right to reject samples from clients not complying with standards provided in this guideline. Forms can be downloaded at https://bai.gov.ph/index.php/service-forms-downloads/vld-service-forms. If you have additional inquiries, please call the Bureau of Animal Industry - Animal Disease Diagnosis and Reference Laboratory at 8528-2230 / 0916-4320158 / 0939-3918276 or email addrl@bai.gov.ph.