

RABIES SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS



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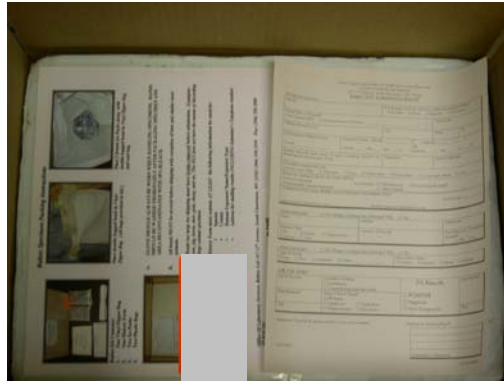
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1. KIT CONTENTS: Vinyl Zipper Bag, Test Request Form, 2 Plastic Bags, 2 Ice Packs, Return Address Label, UN 3373 Label.
2. Animal Head is Double Bagged.
3. Place double bagged specimen in Vinyl Zipper Bag.
4. Place 2 frozen Ice Packs around Double Bagged Specimen. **DO NOT PLACE ICE PACKS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH SPECIMEN.**
5. Place "zipped" Vinyl Zipper Bag in Rabies box with Test Request Form placed on top of the box; **AWAY FROM THE CONTAINED SPECIMEN.**
6. Complete Return Address on address label and affix to outer box.
7. Place UN 3373 label to the outer box and ship to the OLS, Rabies Unit.

GLOVES SHOULD ALWAYS BE WORN WHEN HANDLING SPECIMEN. HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED THOROUGHLY AFTER PACKAGING AND AREA DECONTAMINATED WITH 10% BLEACH.

All specimen **MUST** have the head removed before shipping. EXCEPTIONS: Bats and small rodents.

Specimen too large for shipping **MUST** have brain removed before submission. Examples: cow, pig, horse, deer, goat, sheep and etc. The OLS does not have the means of discarding large animal specimens.

Test Request form should be filled out as complete as possible. The form should contain AT LEAST:

- Type of animal,
- County,
- Type of exposure; IF Human Exposure: Name of exposed and type (Bite, Scratch),
- Address for mailing results INCLUDING submitter's telephone number,
- Date of specimen collection.

Please notify the Rabies Unit **before** submitting specimen.

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