**Rabies Reporting Protocol**

**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 North Dakota Department of Health Division of Laboratory Services or the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

  **North Dakota Department of Health**
  Division of Laboratory Services, Microbiology
  2635 East Main Avenue
  PO Box 5520
  Bismarck, ND 58506-5520
  - For shipping protocols, questions about weekend services, test times, results, etc., please contact the Division of Laboratory Services at 701.328.6272. After hours emergency contact number of the laboratory is 701.400.2772.

  **NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**
  Mailing address: NDSU Dept 7691
  PO Box 6050
  Fargo, ND 58108-6050
  - For shipping protocols, questions about weekend services, test times, results, etc., please contact NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at 701.231.8307.

**Cost of Test**

**North Dakota Department of Health Division of Laboratory Services:**

- Laboratory analysis is free of charge. Fees may be assessed for multiple specimens from the same incident evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the laboratory directly for specific information.
- Intact heads will generally not be accepted. Exceptions for small animals may be made on a case by case basis following consultation with the laboratory. Whole heads, when accepted by the laboratory, will be assessed a fee for removal of the brain. Brains should never be frozen; it should be shipped on ice.
- Specimens from individuals and facilities outside of the state will be assessed a fee of $50.00.

**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.