

# 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

Courier address:

NDSU Van Es Hall

1523 Centennial Boulevard

Fargo, ND 58102

- 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.

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