Rabies Examination

Species of Animal: ____________________________
Breed/Color: __________________ Specimen ID#: __________________

Where was the animal found:
County: _____________________________
Address: _____________________________
City: ___________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Date of Death: ___________________________
Date Shipped: ___________________________

Signs of Disease:

- Animal exhibited signs of rabies:
  - convulsions
  - unusually vicious
  - unable to eat or drink
  - excessive salivation
  - Other __________________________________

- Wild animal showing abnormal behavior
- Bat found in home or occupied dwelling
- Animal was not known to have exhibited signs of disease
  - Other __________________________________

Persons Exposed to This Animal & Nature of Exposure / Owner of Domestic Animals Exposed to This Animal

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- All positive and unsatisfactory results will be reported by telephone to the contact person listed above. This individual will be responsible for arranging treatment of this/these patient(s) if this should be necessary. You MUST include telephone numbers with area code where this individual can be reached during working hours, after working hours and on weekends.
- All negative results will be sent via courier or U.S. mail to submitter. All rabies results are also available on our website at http://slph.ncpublichealth.com
INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE: Submission of specimens for rabies testing

SPECIMENS FOR TESTING: Domestic animals exhibiting signs of rabies and wild animals that have potentially exposed a person, household pet or livestock to rabies should be submitted. Prior approval of submission, risk management questions, and ordering rabies vaccine for people should be directed to the Public Health Veterinarian, Communicable Disease Branch, at (919) 733-3419 (phone number available 24/7/365).

PREPARATION: Brain tissue is examined in the diagnosis of rabies; therefore, only the animal's head should be submitted for diagnostic purposes. Small animals no larger than a squirrel may be submitted whole. For bats, the entire dead animal must be submitted. Animals should be euthanized in a manner that will not destroy the brain. For additional information, see “SCOPE, A Guide to Services” on our website at http://slph.ncpublichealth.com or contact the Virology/Serology Unit at (919) 733-7544.

PREPARATION OF FORM: Please print legibly. To avoid delays in testing, fill out all items in Sections 1 through 7 of the submission form. Seal the form in a separate plastic bag and enclose with the specimen. Complete one form per specimen that is submitted.

PACKAGING OF SPECIMENS: A full tutorial on the packaging and shipping of specimens for rabies testing “Guide to Rabies — Packaging and Shipping” is available at www.quia.com/pages/cmiller20/rabiespackandship. It is critical that specimens be kept cold during shipment; if shipment will be delayed, refrigerate specimen prior to shipment.

SHIPMENT: Send properly packaged specimen and completed submission form to the Laboratory as soon as possible. Shipment via State Courier Service is usually the most rapid mode of transport. Shipments via FedEx or UPS will be accepted by State Capitol Police at the Laboratory (24/7/365). Address all shipping containers using the special label (white with red lettering) available through the NCSLPH online supply ordering system on our website at http://slph.ncpublichealth.com. This label instructs the transporting service to call the Laboratory upon arrival and will assure proper handling of the specimen.

PERSONAL DELIVERY OF SPECIMENS: Specimens may be brought to the Laboratory at 4312 District Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607 at any time (24/7/365). The individual delivering the specimen should come to the loading dock area and ring the buzzer at the left side of the loading dock, where State Capitol Police will receive the package. Please DO NOT leave samples unattended on the dock.

DISPOSITION: This form may be destroyed in accordance with Standard 5, Patient Clinical Records, of the Records Disposition Schedule published by the N.C. Division of Archives and History.