RABIES TEST REQUISITION FORM

*Required Field

SUBMITTER INFORMATION

Facility Name*: _____
(Include full facility name)
_____
_____

Telephone Numbers:

Weekday: _____

Weekend/Afterhours*: _____

Send Report To:

_____
_____
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LABORATORY USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Condition: _____

Specimen No.: _____ Branch: _____

RESULTS

FRA Test: _____

Date Reported: _____

ANIMAL HISTORY

Kind of Animal*: _____ Animal ID: _____

Color*: _____ Breed*: _____ Stray* ☐ Pet* ☐

Symptoms*: _____

Animal Killed* ☐ Found Dead* ☐ Date*: _____

Animal Inoculated Against Rabies*: Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Date Inoculated*: _____

Owner: _____ Telephone: _____

Owner Address: _____ City, State & Zip code: _____

Exposure*: Human ☐ Animal ☐ Date*: _____

Name*: _____ Type of Exposure/Details*: _____

Address: _____ _____

City, Zip: _____ _____

Telephone: _____ _____

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

Rabies testing can be electronically ordered using Merlin. Print Merlin lab slip and send with specimen.
https://merlin.doh.ad.state.fl.us/MerlinCore/
Contact merlin.helpdesk@flhealth.gov with any questions.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE SUBMITION OF ANIMAL HEADS

(1) The animal head should be shipped priority overnight, or hand delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible for a satisfactory examination. **DO NOT FREEZE HEAD.**

(2) Place the animal head inside two thick plastic bags (bags should be thick enough to not allow any leakage of blood or other body fluids) or in one bag inside a water-tight container. Bags should be sealed in a manner as to not allow any liquid to escape. Place the wrapped head into a leak proof shipping cooler. Add enough frozen ice packs to maintain refrigeration temperature. Do not use dry ice, bagged ice, or wet ice.

(3) The rabies test form with all required fields completed and bite report form should be placed in a water-tight bag. Attach bag to corresponding animal head in cooler.

(4) Call or email the laboratory to advise the expected time of arrival, mode of shipment, and tracking number. In addition, enter the specimen into Merlin with the mode of shipment and tracking number.
   a **Note**: Testing laboratory needs to be notified if there is a high priority weekend specimen in order to provide testing services.

(5) **All positive, unsatisfactory, inconclusive, and high priority reports will be phoned to the health department. Weekend/afterhours telephone numbers must be provided on the Rabies Test Form for emergency contact related to testing and results.**

Weekend Emergency Contacts

BPHL-Jacksonville
Attn: Rabies Laboratory
1217 N. Pearl Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Laboratory Phone: **(904) 791-1540**
Fax: (904) 791-1542
24/7 Telephone: (904) 253-0439
Amanda Davis (904) 891-0735
Email: bphl.jacksonvillevirology@flhealth.gov

BPHL-Tampa
3602 Spectrum Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33612
Phone: (813) 233-2282
Main: (813) 233-2203
Fax: (813) 233-2379
Grey Dennis (813) 477-7233
Marshall Cone (813) 833-5112
Email: DLBPHL29TampaRabies@flhealth.gov

Emergency Rabies Testing Only
BPHL-Miami
1325 N.W. 14th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33125
Phone: (305) 325-2536
Fax: (305) 325-2560
Elesi Quaye (305) 322-1488
Email: DLBPHL13Rabies@flhealth.gov