IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

State of Idaho
Rabies Test Request Form

Date Submitted:_____

Carrier: USPS (◯) UPS (◯) FEDEX (◯)

Other:_____

Notify virology lab prior to shipment:
(208) 334-0593 or statelab@dhw.idaho.gov

SHIP TO: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories
Rabies Laboratory
2220 Old Penitentiary Road
Boise, ID 83712
(208) 334-0593

VETERINARIAN:

_____
(Name)

_____
(Address)

_____
(City, State, County)

Phone:_____

OWNER/SUBMITTER:

_____
(Name)

_____
(Address)

_____
(City, State, County)

Phone:_____

BITING ANIMAL INFORMATION:

Species:_____ Vaccine Date:_____

EXPOSURE INFORMATION: **DATE OF EXPOSURE**: (required)_____

Person/s exposed:_____ Phone:_____

Animal/s exposed:_____ Species:_____

Vaccine status:_____

(☐) Provoked attack (☐) Bite (☐) Scratch (☐) Saliva contamination of:
(☐) Unprovoked attack (☐) Handled Bat (☐) Woke with bat in room (☐) Mucous membranes
(☐) Open wounds

Body Part exposed:_____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:_____

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GENERAL INFORMATION: All Positive results will be immediately called to the appropriate people. In order to facilitate decisions regarding treatment it is critical that the specimen be tested as soon as possible.

In Idaho, nearly all cases of animal rabies have occurred in bats. Often when humans are infected with rabies from bats, no bite is known to have occurred. For this reason ***BAT EXPOSURES MUST BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY*** and even casual exposures to bats must be carefully evaluated.

PACKING INFORMATION: Only the head should be submitted if the animal weighs over 8 lbs. No whole skunk bodies will be accepted regardless of weight. The head must be kept cold until testing. For animals weighing between 8-20 lbs, there will be a charge of $50.00 to dispose of the carcass. No "whole" animals weighing over 20 lbs. will be accepted.

1. Double bag specimen in heavy plastic bags and wrap in absorbent material.
2. Place in a rigid insulated container with appropriate number of "blue ice" blocks to assure the package remains cool until it reaches the lab. Freezing does not invalidate the results but may delay testing.
3. Ship to Idaho Bureau of Laboratories, Rabies Lab, 2220 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712. It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure proper packaging and shipping of potentially infectious and biological substances.

For added information call: IDAHO STATE BUREAU OF LABORATORIES (208) 334-0593
IDAHO STATE OFFICE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY (208) 334-5941

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