

RABIES TEST PROCEDURE

Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
Alabama Department of Public Health

SUBMITTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. PLEASE CALL THE LABORATORY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY TO REPORT THAT YOU WILL SHIP A SPECIMEN AND BY WHAT CARRIER. If emergency testing is needed on the weekend or holiday, a medical doctor must call the State Public Health Veterinarian.

Laboratory: **Prattville**
 (334) 290-6130
 204 Legends Court
 Prattville, AL 36066

Mobile
(251) 344-6049
757 Museum Drive
Mobile, AL 36608

2. Without damaging the brain stem, have the head of animals weighing over 15lbs., or over 20" in length removed. The State Veterinary Laboratory will not accept specimens over 15 lbs. or 20" long. Heads from farm animals may be removed at a State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Note: Live animals will not be accepted.
3. Place the specimen in a water-tight container, such as a clean paint can or tough plastic bag, and seal tightly so there are no leaks. Place this container in a larger water-tight container, such as a Styrofoam chest, and if shipping, add enough cold packs to ensure the specimen will remain cold until it is received at the lab. If the specimen is very bloody, add absorbent material (newspaper or paper towels) around the head. Spray with insecticide if pests are present. (Fleas, Ticks, Ants, Maggots, etc.)
4. Complete the SUBMITTER'S INFORMATION section of the Rabies Test Report form and place it in a separate plastic bag, seal tightly, and place inside the second container. Label the outside of the shipping container "RABIES SPECIMEN". NOTE: (1) Live animals will not be accepted. (2) If more than one specimen is being shipped in the same container, each specimen must be accompanied by its own request form, and clearly labeled to state which form goes with which specimen.
5. Immediately ship the specimen to the State Health Laboratory in your designated area (see below) or take to the State Health Laboratory of your choice. Specimens may be dropped off at either laboratory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday). Do not plan to drop off specimens outside of these hours unless special arrangements have been made and confirmed. Specimens may be shipped by most commercial couriers. DO NOT SEND BY U.S. MAIL.

Prattville Laboratory: Autauga County, Bibb County, Blount County, Bullock County, Calhoun County, Chambers County, Cherokee County, Chilton County, Clay County, Cleburne County, Colbert County, Coosa County, Cullman County, DeKalb County, Elmore County, Etowah County, Fayette County, Franklin County, Greene County, Hale County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Lamar County, Lauderdale County, Lawrence County, Lee County, Limestone County, Lowndes County, Macon County, Madison County, , Marion County, Marshall County, Montgomery County, Morgan County, Perry County, Pickens County, Randolph County, Russell County, St. Clair County, Shelby County, Sumter County, Talladega County, Tallapoosa County, Tuscaloosa County, Walker County, Winston County

Mobile Laboratory: Baldwin County, Barbour County, Butler County, Choctaw County, Clarke County, Coffee County, Conecuh County, Covington County, Crenshaw County, Dale County, Dallas County, Escambia County, Geneva County, Henry County, Houston County, Marengo County, Mobile County, Monroe County, Pike County, Washington County, Wilcox County