

San Joaquin County Public Health Laboratory Rabies Examination Submittal Form

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Date Received SJCPHL

Submitter Information

Submitting Agency		County Animal Collected	
Submitting Agency Address		Public Health Department Address	
Submitting Agency Phone/Fax		Public Health Department Phone/Fax	

Animal Information

Date Sent		Date of Death	
Animal Species		Animal I.D.# / Bite #	
Animal History		Animal Clinical Signs	
Animal Vaccination Status		Animal Sex	
Animal Location (County/State)		Animal Age (Months or Years)	
Animal Avian Influenza (H5N1) Exposure			

Exposure Information

Animal Exposure (Mark: Yes, No or Unknown)	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Unknown
Exposed Animal Species			
Owner of Animal. Name/Address/Phone			
Human Exposure (Mark: Yes, No, or Unknown)	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Unknown
Person(s) Exposed (Name: Last, First)		Exposed Person(s) Address	
Exposed Person(s) City		Exposed Person(s) State	
Exposed Person(s) Phone		Date of Exposure	
Details of Exposure:			

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Important Notes For Rabies Specimen Submissions

CONTACT INFORMATION-San Joaquin County Public Health Laboratory, 1601 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA 95205 Phone (209) 468-3460 Fax (209) 468-0639

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS - Whenever possible, the entire head of the animal should be removed. The whole animal may be sent for bats or other very small animals. **Immediately chill the specimens** to 2-8 degrees C. **Do not freeze the specimens.** Freezing will delay test results and may damage the brain tissue. **Do not fix the brain tissue in Formalin or any other fixative. Do not submit LIVE specimens.** We cannot accept live animals.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS – Whole animal and brain specimens, which should be received by the SJCPHL within 48 hours of sampling, may be stored and shipped at 4 C. Specimens should be transported inside a tightly sealed inner container(s) placed inside a secondary container. Add several cold packs to keep the specimen cool during shipment. Place the completed Rabies submission form in a sealable plastic bag and place the sealed submission form inside the secondary container but **not in the inner container containing the brain or animal head.** SJCPHL can supply transport supplies upon request.

California Code of Regulation Title 17 2606: Reporting. Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of an animal known to have or suspected of having rabies shall report the facts immediately to the local health officer. The health officer shall likewise be notified of any person or animal bitten by a rabid or suspected rabid animal.

Testing Approval: The Submitting Agency must have approval from the local Health Department before submitting animals for laboratory testing