

# How to ship a bat for rabies testing



## General Information

- Bats that have had contact with humans will be tested at no charge at the WA State Department of Health (DOH) public health laboratory located in Shoreline. All submissions for rabies testing at the DOH laboratory must be preapproved by discussing the case with the local public health department. For residents of King County, contact Public Health—Seattle & King County’s Communicable Disease/Epidemiology Section at 206-296-4774.
- Bats with animal only contact (no human exposure) can be tested for rabies for a fee at the Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Owners with animals that have been in contact with a bat are responsible for shipping the dead bat to the laboratory for rabies testing, or their veterinarian may be able to assist them.
- Bats that have possibly exposed animals can be tested for rabies by mailing the dead bat to the Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The laboratory phone number is 541-737-3261.
- Cost of rabies testing: \$95

**Never touch a bat (dead or alive) with bare hands. Always use heavy gloves or a shovel.**

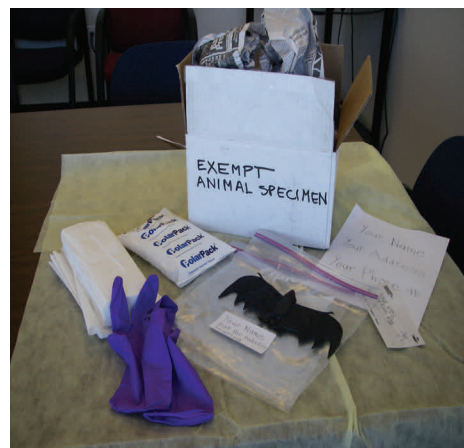
## Packing Guidelines

All responsibility for safe packaging rests with the individual sending the package. The commercial shipping company is not responsible for improperly packaged materials that are transported. Commercial shipping companies have the right to question and refuse packages, and are likely to do so if the package is carelessly wrapped.

**Only dead bats can be shipped.** If the bat is still alive, call Public Health at 206-263-9566 for information on where to take the bat for euthanasia.

## Materials needed

- Dead bat
- Cardboard box labeled “Exempt Animal Specimen”
- Two zip lock plastic bags
- Frozen “blue” chemical ice packs
- Paper towels to absorb condensation
- Completed laboratory request form (page 3)
- Check for \$95 made out to OSU VDL
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## Packaging

Wearing gloves, place the bat inside a leak-proof heavy-duty ziplock bag and seal it securely.

Label the bag with your name and **“Bat for Rabies Testing.”**

## Packaging, continued

Place a blue ice packet (chemical ice—not frozen water or dry ice) and some paper towels inside a second ziplock bag.

Place the ziplock bag with the bat inside the second ziplock bag and seal the second bag securely.



Place the ziplock bags inside a rigid cardboard box.

Place packing material (newspaper, paper towels) around the contents for absorbency and cushioning.

**Enclose a check for \$95 made out to “OSU VDL.”** Payment must be included with the specimen. Include the 2-page **laboratory form** (next pages) with your name, address, phone number and e-mail. Write “Bat” under animal species. On page 2 under VIRAL DIAGNOSTICS check “Rabies Virus FA Exam.”



## Exterior Labeling

Remove any old labels from the cardboard box.

Clearly label the package with the sender’s name, return address and daytime phone number.

Label the package “**Exempt Animal Specimen.**”



## Shipping

The package may be sent through the U.S. Postal Service or by a commercial carrier such as FedEx or UPS. Ship the package to the following address:

OSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory  
30th and Washington Way  
134 Magruder Hall  
Corvallis OR 97331-4801

**If the bat tests positive for rabies, or if it is untestable, contact Public Health’s Zoonotic Disease Program immediately at 206-263-8454 for confinement instructions. For more information about bats and rabies, see:**

[www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/bats.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/bats.aspx)





# Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

## General Submission Form - Page 2 of 2

**For VDL Use Only**

**Phone:** 541-737-3261 **Fax:** 541-737-6817  
**Email:** vet.diagnostic@oregonstate.edu  
**Website:** http://vetmed.oregonstate.edu

**Shipping/Courier Address**  
 134 Magruder Hall  
 Corvallis OR 97331-8555

Owner/Submitter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please refer to our website for specific test and sample information or call the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.**  
**Please use the appropriate form: Clinical Pathology Submission Form, General Submission Form, Necropsy/Biopsy Submission Form**

BACTERIAL DIAGNOSTICS	DIAGNOSTIC PANELS	VIRAL DIAGNOSTICS (continued)
<input type="checkbox"/> Acid-fast stain	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruminant & Camelid Scours/Diarrhea Panel (Includes PCR, Parasitology, Bacterial Culture)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coronavirus PCR (Bovine/Camelid)
<input type="checkbox"/> Aerobic Culture**		<input type="checkbox"/> Electron Microscopy
<input type="checkbox"/> **Antibiotic Sensitivity – per bacterial organism	<b>PCR PANELS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) AGID
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaerobic Culture (requires aerobic culture)	<input type="checkbox"/> Porcine Diarrhea (PEDV, SDCoV, TGEV, PRV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Adenovirus FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Brucella canis RSAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Panel (Ruminant/Cam/Eq/Por)	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Adenovirus Serology (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Brucella ovis ELISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruminant & Camelid Scours/Diarrhea PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) Serology (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Campylobacter Culture	<b>PARASITOLOGY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EHV-1 & 4 FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia Gimenez Stain	<input type="checkbox"/> Cryptosporidium Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> EHV-1 & 4 PCR (detects neuropathogenic EHV-1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clostridial FA Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Cryptosporidium parvum PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Influenza Virus A1 (E. Inf-1) Serology (HI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clostridium difficile Toxin A & B ELISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Parasites - Baermann (Lungworms)	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Influenza Virus A2 (E. Inf-2) Serology (HI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clostridium perfringens culture **	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Parasites - McMaster (Flotation)**	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Rhinitis-A (ERV-A) Serology (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> ** Add PCR genotyping if positive	<input type="checkbox"/> **Haemonchus contortus ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Clostridium perfringens Enterotoxin ELISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Parasites - Sedimentation (Flukes)	<input type="checkbox"/> EVA Serology (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Escherichia coli K99 PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Parasites - Sugar Centrifugation**	<input type="checkbox"/> Feline Herpesvirus-1 (FHV-1) FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Epizootic Bovine Abortion (Foothill) PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> **Haemonchus contortus ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Feline Infectious Peritonitis Virus (FIP) Serology (IFA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gram Stain	<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Parasites - Wet Mount Microscopic Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza-A Virus (Universal) PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Johne's Disease (MAP) PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Giardia FA Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Llama Adenovirus Serology (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Leptospira Microagglutination	<input type="checkbox"/> Giardia Iodine Mount	<input type="checkbox"/> Ovine Progressive Pneumonia Virus (OPP) ELISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Leptospira spp. PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Heartworm (Modified Knott's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parainfluenza Virus-3 (PI-3) FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Listeria Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Mite Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Parainfluenza Virus-3 (PI-3) PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Microscopic Exam – Darkfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Neospora caninum ELISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Parainfluenza Virus-3 (PI-3) Serology (HI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk Culture – Standard **	<input type="checkbox"/> Trichomonas Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Porcine Parvovirus FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> ** Antibiotic Sensitivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Trichomonas Pouch Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Potomac Horse Fever (PHF, N. risticii) Serology
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk Culture - Mycoplasma only	<b>VIRAL DIAGNOSTICS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabies Virus FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk Culture - Staph only	<input type="checkbox"/> Adenovirus FA Exam (Bovine/Equine)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk Culture – Standard Bulk Tank **	<input type="checkbox"/> Avian Influenza Virus PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus (Bovine - Group A) PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> ** Add Mycoplasma	<input type="checkbox"/> Avian Paramyxovirus (APMV-1) & vNDV PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Swine Influenza Virus (IAV-S) w/subtyping PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> ** Add Pasteurized plate count	<input type="checkbox"/> Bluetongue Virus (BTV) cELISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmissible Gastroenteritis Virus (TGE) FA Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Mycoplasma Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> BTV / Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Virus Isolation
<input type="checkbox"/> Mycoplasma bovis PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Bovine Herpes Virus FA Exam (BHV-1, aka, IBR)	<input type="checkbox"/> West Nile Virus (WNV) IgM ELISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Mycoplasma haemolamae PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> BHV type 1 PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> WNV nested PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Mycoplasma spp. PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> BHV Serology (SN)	<input type="checkbox"/> WNV real-time PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> M. gallisepticum/M. synoviae PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Bovine Coronavirus FA exam	<input type="checkbox"/> WNV/WEE/SLE Mosquito PCR Panel
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmonella Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV) FA Exam	<b>FISH/AQUATIC DIAGNOSTICS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmonella spp. PCR**	<input type="checkbox"/> BRSV PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerobic Culture
<input type="checkbox"/> **Add culture & serotyping if positive	<input type="checkbox"/> BRSV Serology (SN)	<input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Salmon Anemia Virus PCR
<b>IMMUNOLOGY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Koi Herpesvirus PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunoglobulin (IgG) Bovine, Llama, Ovine RID	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV-1 Serology (SN)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mycobacterium PCR Panel
<b>MYCOLOGY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV-2 Serology (SN)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pseudoloma neurophilia PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Coccidioides Antibody Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV-PI Ag. Capture ELISA - ear notch or serum	<input type="checkbox"/> Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Coccidioides IgG Titration (F Antigen)	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV FA	<input type="checkbox"/> Virus Isolation
<input type="checkbox"/> Cryptococcal Antigen Detection Panel	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV-PI PCR - pooled blood	<b>OTHER</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dermatophyte Culture (includes KOH)	<input type="checkbox"/> BVDV-PI PCR - pooled ear notch	<input type="checkbox"/> Histopathology
<input type="checkbox"/> Dermatophyte Identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Canine Distemper FA Exam	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fungal Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Canine Herpesvirus-1 FA Exam	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fungal Identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Caprine Arthritis-Encephalitis Virus (CAE) ELISA	