

Animal Bites:

Should You Submit A Rabies Sample?



Animal Bite to a Human

- 1. Dogs, Cats and Ferrets:**
 - Quarantine/Observe the animal for 10 days:
If alive after 10 days, do NOT submit for rabies
 - Euthanize and submit tissues for rabies ONLY IF:
 - Animal dies during quarantine period
 - Quarantine is inhumane due to illness or injury
 - Animal is too aggressive and quarantine would risk human health
- 2. High-risk species (Bat, Skunk, Fox, Raccoon):**
Euthanize and Submit tissues for rabies testing
- 3. Lower-risk species (rodents, squirrels, hamsters, rabbits, etc.):** Do not submit for testing
- 4. Other species exhibiting neurologic behavior:**
Euthanize and submit tissues for rabies or contact BOAH



Animal Bite to an Animal

- 1. BITING animal is a dog, cat, ferret, or domestic livestock**
 - Normal, healthy: Do NOT submit for rabies
 - Exhibiting neurologic signs:
If animal dies, submit tissues for rabies testing
- 2. BITING animal is a high-risk species (Bat, Skunk, Fox, Raccoon):**
Euthanize and Submit tissues for rabies testing
- 3. Lower-risk species (rodents, squirrels, hamsters, rabbits, etc.):** Do not submit for testing
- 4. Other species exhibiting neurologic behavior:**
Euthanize and submit tissues for rabies or contact BOAH

High-Risk Species



RACCOON



FOX



SKUNK



BAT



Guidance for Rabies-Testing:

Visit: www.in.gov/rabies/

Contact: Indiana State Board of Animal Health: 317-544-2400