

Collection and Packaging of Animal Heads for Rabies Examination



Kentucky Public Health
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Do Not Ship Live Animals!

Supplies Needed for Rabies Packaging



Cardboard box with styrofoam cooler
Ice Pack



24 x 24 Infecon Bag with Absorbent
16 x 16 Infecon Bag

Collection

Suspect animals should generally be quarantined and allowed to die a natural death. Clubbing or shooting in the head will damage brain tissues needed for examination. Poisons should be avoided as they may interfere with testing.

Wild and unhealthy stray animals can be immediately euthanized and submitted for examination.

Packaging

Remove the animal head from the body. For bats and small squirrel-size animals, it is preferable to submit the whole body, as the brain is less likely to dry out.



1. Place frozen ice pack in bottom of cooler.
2. Place animal/head in small clear (16 x 16) Infecon bag, securely close and put in larger Infecon bag with absorbent. Securely close larger bag.

All submissions must be in a clear bag.

3. Place styrofoam lid on cooler. Place Outreach form on top of styrofoam lid.
4. Seal box with tape and place shipping label on the outside of the box.



The brain will be examined by microscopic techniques.
Results will be phoned to your Local Health Department Environmentalist.

Refer to 49CFR 173.199 for current regulations on packaging and shipping of Category B infectious substances