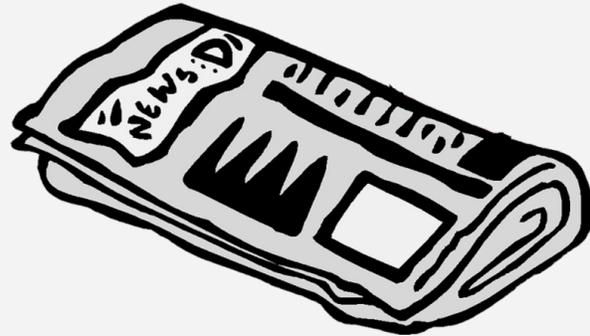


What is "The Rabies Insider"

We are excited to launch a new resource that will be available to all Public Health Unit staff. The Rabies Insider is a quarterly newsletter focusing on rabies for the Public Health Units. It will contain tips on how to complete the online Specimen Collection Request form, updates to our Public Health Unit website, and interesting information on rabies.

The newsletter will be sent out by email and also available on the [PHU website](#).



Tips for Submitting a Rabies Specimen Collection Request

1. The new online submission form is not compatible with outdated web browsers (i.e. Internet Explorer 10 or lower). It is compatible with Firefox, Chrome, Safari, or Internet Explorer 11 or higher.
2. After you hit the green submit button scroll to the top of your screen and make sure that the following message appears: "Thank you for your submission". If you do not see this message it means that your request did not go through. Before re-submitting your request, double check that all required fields have been filled in and that the web browser you are using is compatible with the form.

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PHU Request for Specimen Collection

To request an animal specimen collection for rabies testing please complete and submit one form per animal.

If a required field is not applicable to your case please enter N/A.

If you realize after you have submitted your form that there was an error entered please do not resubmit online. Instead email rrj@oavt.org with the corrections needed.

If you require a copy of this completed submission form, print this page before clicking submit.

Request for specimen collection should not occur until the PHU has confirmation that the animal is deceased and has arrived at the collection location.

If a collection is occurring at a residence the PHU should ensure the following:

1. There is an area out of public view for the collection to take place
2. The homeowner approves of the collection occurring on their property
3. The homeowner understands the collection procedure
4. The homeowner understands it is their responsibility to dispose of the remains afterwards
5. The homeowner has a fridge or freezer where the animal can be stored until collection occurs when outdoor temperatures exceed five degrees celsius.

If this criteria can't be met the animal should be transported to a veterinary hospital or animal shelter prior to submission request.

All items indicated below must be provided by the health unit at the time of the request in order for the OAVT to:

1. Fill out the necessary laboratory/shipping paperwork
2. Dispatch a RVT to do the collection

Clinic in Your Region?



Rabies Vaccine Clinics

Learn More

If you have been notified of a Rabies Vaccine Clinic in your area and would like to have it listed on the RRP Rabies Vaccine Clinic Listing page, please email us the following information:

1. Location name
2. Vaccine Clinic date and time
3. Cost and method of payment accepted
4. Special Instructions
5. PHU area
6. A poster (pdf or jpeg)

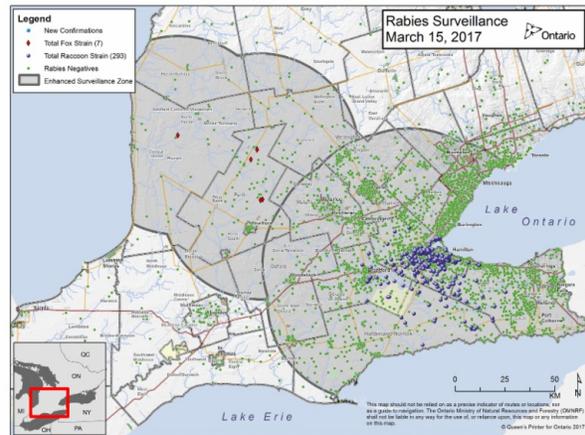
MNRF Report on Rabies in Ontario

The MNRF is reporting on their results of testing, surveillance and bait drops. As of March 15th, 2017 the MNRF has reported a total of 293 cases of raccoon strain and 7 cases of arctic fox strain rabies in Ontario. They have tested >5000 animals and have dropped >1.6 million baits since April 2016.

Raccoon strain has been found in Hamilton, Haldimand-Norfolk, Niagara, Brant and Halton. The arctic fox strain has been found in Perth and Huron.

For more information you can visit the following sites:

1. [OMNRF: Rabies In Wildlife](#)
2. [OMAFRA: Rabies in Ontario](#)



CFIA Report on Rabies in Canada

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has a website with statistics on rabies cases in Canada dating back to 1998. They update their website on the 28th day of each month.

At the end of February, there was a total of 310 animals submitted for rabies testing across the country, including 205 which were submitted by Ontario, so far in 2017. Of these cases, 40 were positive for rabies, including 27 that were from Ontario.

For more information on rabies in Canada,

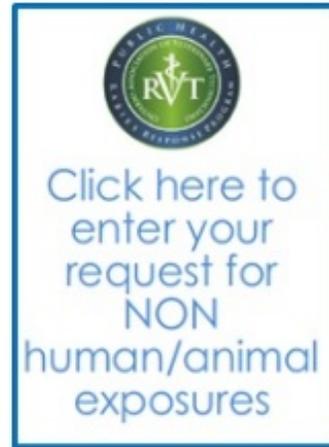
New CWHC Partnership

The MOHLTC and RRP have teamed up with the Canadian Wildlife Health Co-Operative (CWHC) to increase the surveillance of rabies in Ontario.

The CWHC has agreed to DRIT test wildlife, including feral cats, that are suspected of having rabies but no risk of human or domestic animal exposure.

The RRP will collect and ship these samples using the same methods and turnaround time as we do for human exposure cases.

For further information on how to submit these animals for testing please visit the [Public Health Unit Portal](#).



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