

**Acknowledgement of Receipt  
of Rabies Testing Information**  
(For Owners or Keepers of Pets Exposed to Wildlife)

*Rabies is a deadly viral disease that infects the brain of a warm blooded animal. The virus is located in the saliva of an infected animal and is frequently spread through a bite to another animal. Only mammals can be infected and spread the rabies virus. Wildlife species that are considered common carriers of rabies are, but not limited to, **raccoons, skunks, fox, woodchucks, bats and other carnivores.***

The purpose of testing suspect wildlife that has bitten or had direct contact with a pet is to determine if the rabies virus has possibly been transmitted. The pet's rabies vaccination history will determine an official's course of action according to the Connecticut Manual for Rabies Management and Protocols. Testing suspect wildlife may rule out the need for a lengthy confinement period, quarantine or the possible euthanasia of a pet.

The **Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL) at the University of Connecticut** in Storrs will test wildlife for rabies when pets have been exposed. Laboratory pricing information can be found on the website [www.CVMDL.uconn.edu](http://www.CVMDL.uconn.edu) or by calling **860-486-3738**.

*I have been informed that testing services are available. I hereby:*

**APPROVE** Rabies Testing Services:

I understand that by agreeing to test, I will be responsible for the cost and arrangement of payment for such tests at CVMDL. I understand that occasionally test results are inconclusive. *(example: if the quality of the specimen is poor.)*

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Print name of Pet Owner/ Keeper

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Signature of Pet Owner/ Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I have been informed that testing services are available. I hereby:*

**DECLINE** Rabies Testing Services:

I understand that by refusing to test, there are possible consequences that may impact the confinement, quarantine or euthanasia of my pet. I also understand that once the wildlife remains are removed for disposal, the ability to test is no longer an option.

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Print Name of Pet Owner/ Keeper

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Signature of Pet Owner/ Keeper

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Date

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Print Name and Title of Official

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Official's Signature

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Date