

Rabies

Animal Submission Guidelines



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Required Materials



To properly package an animal specimen, you will need the following:

- Rabies animal specimen
- Leak proof container or sealable plastic bags
- Cold packs
- LimsNet Cover Sheet (Help Desk: 317-921-5807)
- Heavily insulated shipping box

Live animals cannot be accepted for safety reasons.

Packing Instructions



1.

Place animal head or entire dead bat specimen(s) in a sealable container (zipper style bag). **Completely seal the bag.**



2.

Double bag the specimen(s) to prevent leakage during transport. **Completely seal the second bag.**

Place the LimsNet Cover Sheet in a third, separate zipper style bag. **Completely seal the third bag.**



3.

Place the specimen(s) on the cold pack(s) inside the insulated shipping box. (1 cold pack for bats, 2-3 cold packs for all other animals). **Please do not use ice or packing peanuts during shipping.**



4.

Ship specimen(s) for overnight delivery to the IDOH Laboratory in an insulated shipping box within 24 hours of collection. **Ship in compliance with DOT and IATA shipping regulations for Category B packages.**

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