

# RABIES TIPS

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Epi-Hotline 1-877-427-7317

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## Information for Veterinarians

### Rabies Testing

- The Kansas State University Rabies Laboratory conducts animal rabies testing.
- Call the KSU Rabies Lab prior to submission of samples at 785-532-4483.
- Laboratory confirmed rabid animals are immediately reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response Section.
- A follow –up investigation is conducted for each case and includes evaluation of people and animals in contact with the rabid animal to determine if rabies post-exposure prophylaxis is needed.
- It is important to follow all protocol and best practices for sample submission to ensure accurate testing can be conducted.
- The local health officer makes the determination on the location of either the 10 day observation of a dog or cat that bites a human or the quarantine location of a pet (or other animal) that has been bitten by a rabid animal. This information can be found in the Kansas Administrative Regulation on Rabies Control (K.A.R. 28-1-13).

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*“The direct fluorescent anti-body test (dFA) is the test most frequently used to diagnose rabies...”*

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### Call KDHE

- Report suspect, and confirmed, rabid animals immediately to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at 1-877-427-7317. A trained epidemiologist is available 24 hours a day to provide you with assistance.
- A list of rabies vaccines licensed and marketed in the United States can be found in the *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control 2016*, published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.



## September 28

### Is World Rabies Day!

A global health observance that started in 2007 to raise awareness about the burden of rabies and bring partners together to enhance prevention and control efforts.