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Attention rabies collection sites:

The Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) provides free testing only for submissions meeting the recommendations listed in the 2016 Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (<http://www.nasphv.org/Documents/NASPHVRabiesCompendium.pdf>) and in those circumstances where a significant risk of infection can be identified. Testing out of the scope of the national guidelines or deemed unnecessary for the protection of Public Health is subjected to a \$180 fee. Please take into consideration the cost that owners may incur when submitting specimens to UPHL.

The following criteria will indicate a waived rabies test fee:

- Any bat where a person or animal has had an exposure, or reasonable probability of exposure, including: bites, exposure to saliva, a bat in the room with a sleeping person or unattended child, a bat near a child or mentally impaired or intoxicated person, etc.
- Dogs/cats/ferrets, regardless of rabies vaccination status, if signs suggestive of rabies are documented during a quarantine period (10 days from exposure).
- Wild mammals and hybrids that expose persons, pets, or livestock (i.e., skunks, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, etc.).
- Any livestock, if signs suggestive of rabies are documented.
- Any domestic or stray animal that exposes a person, but cannot be observed in quarantine for 10 days (i.e., a moribund dog bites a person and dies shortly after).

The following criteria will indicate a \$180 fee:

- Domestic dogs/cats/ferrets, regardless of rabies vaccination status, if signs suggestive of rabies are NOT documented during a quarantine period (10 days from exposure).
- Regardless of rabies vaccination status, a healthy dog, cat, or ferret that HAS NOT exposed a person.
- Incomplete paperwork accompanying the sample. Please include the full story/situation behind the sample submission.
- Occupational or workman's compensation covered exposures (i.e., vet tech is bitten by a patient).

For cases involving rodents and lagomorphs (rabbits and hares), domestic animals or cases with no human exposure, please contact Dallin Peterson (ddpeterson@utah.gov, 801-538-6333) for guidance on appropriate quarantine measures and whether to submit the specimen for testing.

Thank you for your continued awareness of rabies as a zoonotic threat. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns regarding rabies testing.

Regards,

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