

**To obtain more information contact your Local Health Jurisdiction.**

**All specimens must have prior approval before being sent to WAPHL.**

**Your LHJ contact information can be found at this website:  
[www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)**

**Department of Health  
Public Health Laboratories  
1610 NE 150th Street  
Shoreline, WA 98155**



# **Rabies Specimen Collection**



*Rabies*

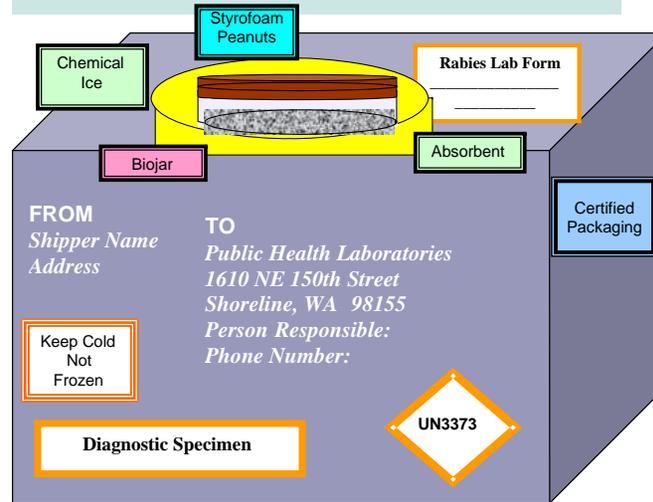
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## Shipping to the Public Health Laboratories

### Instructions:

- Testing requires fresh brain tissue, specifically the right and left hippocampuses, cerebellum, and brainstem.
- All specimens should be chilled as soon as possible after death, to reduce deterioration.
- Do not freeze.
- Do not use wet ice.
- Only the head of dogs, cats, raccoons and other animals should be submitted. Bats should be submitted whole.



Decapitation should only be done by persons who have received pre-exposure rabies prophylaxis along with personal protective equipment.

### Transport Packages to:

Washington Public Health  
Laboratories  
Attention: Virology  
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