

## Bat Submissions for Rabies Screening

Please complete a separate form for each species submitted.

### Notes

1. This form is for the routine submission of dead bats to the passive surveillance scheme. **It is NOT for submission of suspect cases.**

If you suspect rabies contact the animal disease team at APHA: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha> or telephone: 03000 200 301.

2. Specimens submitted may be shared with other organisations involved with public and veterinary health.
3. A single form may be used for multiple submissions of indistinguishable bats e.g. several bats from a single roost.

### For APHA Laboratory Use Only

Affix SMS Label Here

Sample No.

Date Received

FAT  RT-PCR

A/C  H/C  Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of submitter (person submitting the specimen(s))

Postcode	
Tel. No. <i>(incl. national dialling code)</i>	
Local bat group <i>(if any)</i>	

Name and address of finder (if different to person submitting the specimen(s))

Postcode
Tel. No. <i>(incl. national dialling code)</i>

Location/Address where bat found (if different to above)

Postcode	
Tel. No. <i>(incl. national dialling code)</i>	

Name of local APHA office *(if known)*

Specimen(s) detail(s)

Species	Sex	Age

Number of bats enclosed *(same species)*

Date and time found	
Date and time of death	

Circumstances of finding

Signs/Conditions: (displayed by bat prior to death)  
NB. bats with suspected rabies should not be submitted with this form

Cause of death (tick appropriate box)

- Euthanasia (moribund/injuries)
- Euthanasia (other reasons)
- Found dead
- Died in captivity

Biting or scratching incidents

Were there any biting or scratching incidents involving:

- |           |     |    |
|-----------|-----|----|
| • human?  | Yes | No |
| • animal? | Yes | No |

If 'Yes', please give brief description of each incident:

If a person/animal has been bitten or scratched, please provide their contact details

Tel. No.  
(incl. national dialling code)

Signature

Date

- The APHA laboratory does not issue a report to the sender. However, in the event of a positive result, the sender will be contacted immediately.
- Information on APHA surveillance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/animal-disease-surveillance-reports>
- Further Bat forms and postage-paid packaging can be obtained from The Bat Conservation Trust (0345 1300 228 or via an online form at [www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk))
- Dead bats should be placed inside an appropriately sized tube. The tube should be sealed and wrapped in absorbent material such as tissue paper. The tube and completed submission forms should then be posted as soon as possible to the address below. Please contact your local vet if you require assistance confirming the bat is dead.
- Please send completed form and specimen(s) to:  
Rabies Diagnostic Group  
Rabies and Viral Zoonoses  
Virology Department  
Animal and Plant Health Agency  
Woodham Lane, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB
- If you have further enquiries, please contact:  
Rabies and Viral Zoonoses team on [RabiesDiagnosticGroup@apha.gov.uk](mailto:RabiesDiagnosticGroup@apha.gov.uk)

#### DATA PROTECTION

For information on how we handle personal data please go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search Animal and Plant Health Agency Personal Information Charter.

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