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Bat Submissions for Rabies Screening

Please complete a **separate** form for each species submitted.

Notes

- This form is for the routine submission of dead bats to the passive surveillance scheme. **It is NOT for submission of suspect cases.**
 If rabies is suspected, please contact your local Animal Health Divisional Office:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/contacts/ahdo.htm>
 or telephone: 020 7904 6186.
- Specimens submitted may be shared with other organisations involved with public and veterinary health.
- A single form may be used for multiple submissions of indistinguishable bats eg several bats from a single roost.

Data Protection Act 1998

Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data supplied to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA). VLA may use the data on this form and results generated for purposes other than rabies surveillance. Please see the complete Data Protection statement on our website:

<http://www.vla.gov.uk/about-us/about-us-acc-info.htm>

The VLA may share information about the submitted bats with other organisations involved in public and veterinary health. Personal details will be passed to the relevant authorities only in cases where rabies is suspected or confirmed, in the interest of public or veterinary health.

Name and address of person submitting the specimen(s)

Postcode

Telephone No. (including national dialling code)

Local bat group (if any)

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

Postcode

Telephone No. (including national dialling code)

Specimen(s) detail(s)

Species	Sex	Age

Number of bats enclosed (same species)

Date and time found	
Date and time of death	
Location/Address where bat(s) found	
Map grid reference where bat(s) found	
Circumstances of finding	

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■ **Symptoms/Condition: (displayed by bat prior to death)**

■ **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/scratched, please provide their contact details:

Postcode

Telephone No. (including national dialling code)

Signature

Date

Name of local Animal Health Office (if known)

- The VLA does not normally issue a report to the sender. However, in the event of a positive result, the sender will be contacted immediately.
- Dead bats should be placed inside an appropriately sized tube. The tube should be sealed and wrapped in absorbant material such as tissue paper. The tube and completed submission forms should then be posted as soon as possible to the address below.
- Further BAT forms and packaging can be obtained from Bat Conservation Trust (0845 1300 228).
- If you have further enquiries, please contact:
Head of Rabies and Wildlife Zoonoses Group
Veterinary Laboratories Agency,
Woodham Lane, Addlestone,
Surrey KT15 3NB
Telephone No. 01932 341111

Please send completed form and specimen(s) to:

- The Chief Diagnostician,
Rabies Diagnostic Unit, Veterinary Laboratories Agency,
Woodham Lane, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB