

Completing this form

- This form should only be used for rabies post vaccination serology. Any suspicion of clinical rabies must be reported to your local Divisional Veterinary Manager.
- Use one submission form per animal.
- The test result will not be valid for the Pet Travel Scheme unless the submission form is completed in full and signed by the submitting veterinary surgeon. Test results are sent only to the submitting practice.
- A minimum of 1ml serum (preferable) or 2ml clotted blood should be sent in a plain tube, marked with the owner's name, animal's name and microchip number.
- The VLA is a recognised EU blood testing laboratory for the Pet Travel Scheme. The laboratory is UKAS accredited (accreditation number 1769).
- Defra may use samples and test data for general research and surveillance purposes, but without compromising client confidentiality.

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 in the VLA price list (page 5) or on our website <http://www.vla.gov.uk/aboutus/aboutus-acc-info.htm>.

Notes for guidance

1. The animal's microchip number must be read before the blood is taken.
2. A Fast Track service will be provided for Assistance or Working Dogs e.g. guide dogs for the blind, police dogs, rescue services animals and pets belonging to Armed Forces personnel.
3. Visit <http://defraweb/animalh/quarantine/pets> for news and guidance on the Pet Travel Scheme.
4. Further test related assistance may be obtained from the VLA PETS Helpline

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Send your completed submission form and sample to:

**Rabies Serology/Sample Reception
Veterinary Laboratories Agency
Woodham Lane, New Haw
Addlestone, Surrey, UK
KT15 3NB**