



Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services
 Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
 January 2020 to June 2020

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **278** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately **5.0%** of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 36.7% of the samples were tested in **June**.
- The majority of submissions (56.5%) came from **Providence County**. **Three** (1.1%) submissions were from **Massachusetts**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (43.9% of all submissions). Approximately 68.0% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rates of positive tests were in **raccoons** (33.3%), followed by **foxes** (20.0%), **skunks** (17.6%), and **bats** (3.3%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in **11 Rhode Island municipalities**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, January- June 2020, Rhode Island

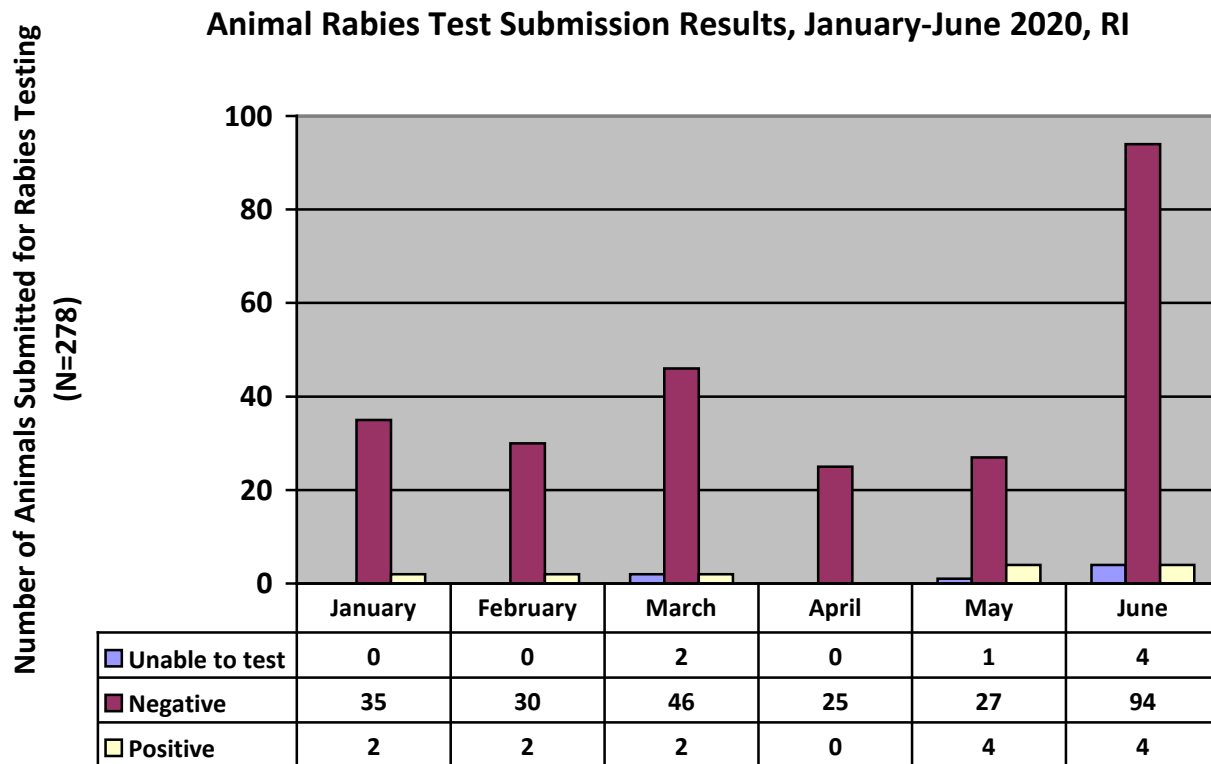


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, January-June 2020, Rhode Island

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Bristol	1	7.1%
Kent	2	14.3%
Providence	5	35.7%
Newport	1	7.1%
Washington	5	35.7%
Total	14	100.0%

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, January-June 2020, Rhode Island

Species	# Positive	% Positive By Species (Number of this species positive/ number of this species tested) x 100	% Positive Overall (Number positive for this species / Number of all positive tests) x 100
Bat	4	3.3%	28.6%
Raccoon	6	33.3%	42.9%
Fox	1	20.0%	7.1%
Skunk	3	17.6%	21.4%

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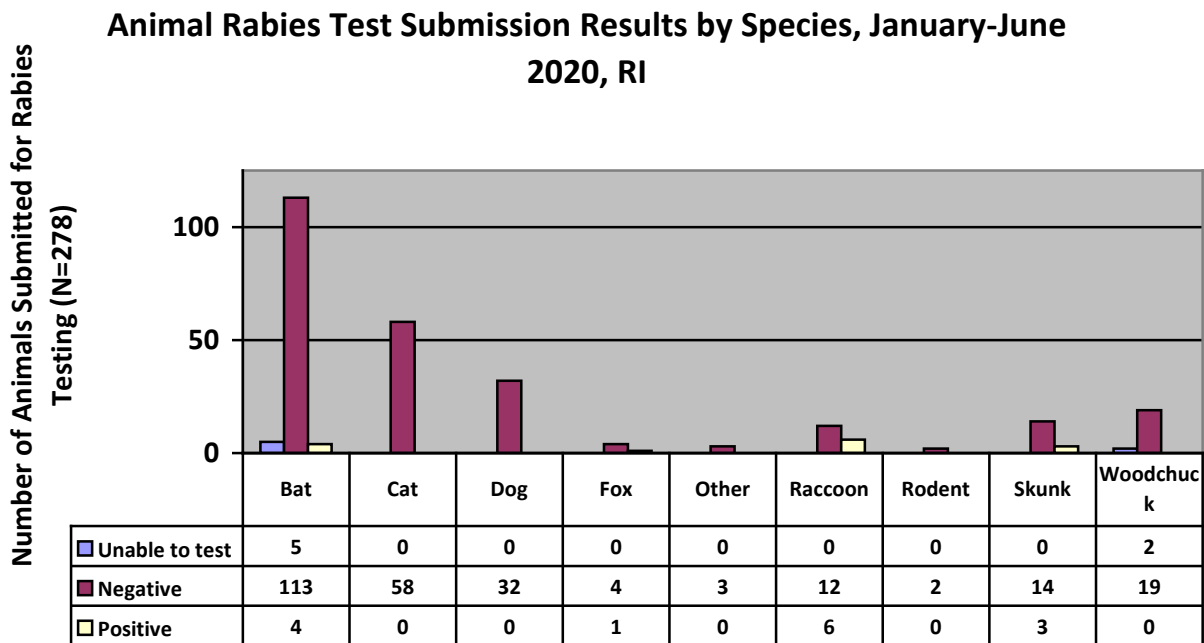


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, January-June 2020, Rhode Island

City	Species	Negative	Unable to Test	Positive	Total
Barrington	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	1	2
Bristol	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Burrillville	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Fox	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Central Falls	Cat	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Cat	2	0	0	2
Coventry	Bat	7	0	0	8
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	0	2	2
Cranston	Bat	10	1	0	11
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Cumberland	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
East Greenwich	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	5	0	0	5
	Dog	5	0	0	5
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
East Providence	Bat	5	0	0	5
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Exeter	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
Glocester	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Hopkinton	Cat	2	0	0	2
Johnston	Bat	3	1	0	4
	Cat	2	0	0	2

	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Lincoln	Bat	5	0	0	5
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Middletown	Cat	1	0	0	1
Narragansett	Bat	2	0	0	2
Newport	Bat	3	1	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	2	0	0	2
North Kingstown	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Fox	0	0	1	1
	Horse	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	1	3
	Woodchuck	1	1	0	2
North Providence	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Rabbit	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	1	2
North Smithfield	Bat	3	0	2	5
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Pawtucket	Bat	7	0	0	7
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	3	0	0	3
Portsmouth	Bat	0	0	1	1
Providence	Bat	35	1	1	37
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Raccoon	5	0	0	5
	Woodchuck	3	0	0	3
Richmond	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Scituate	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Smithfield	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1

	Fox	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	0	0	1	1
Tiverton	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Warren	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Fox	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	4	0	0	4
Warwick	Bat	6	1	0	7
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	1	0	2
West Greenwich	Goat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
West Warwick	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Westerly	Bat	6	0	0	6
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
Woonsocket	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	7	0	0	7
	Skunk	3	0	1	4
Massachusetts	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Total	All Species	257	7	14	278

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