



Division of Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease
 Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
 July 2022 to December 2022

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **271** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately **2.6%** of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- The month with the highest number of samples submitted for testing was **August (45.0%)**.
- The majority of submissions (55.0%) came from **Providence County**. **Two** (0.7%) submissions were from **Massachusetts**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (55.4% of all submissions). Approximately 60.0% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rates of positive tests were in **raccoons** (33.3%) followed by **skunks** (7.1%), and **bats** (1.3%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in six **Rhode Island towns**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, July-December 2022, RI

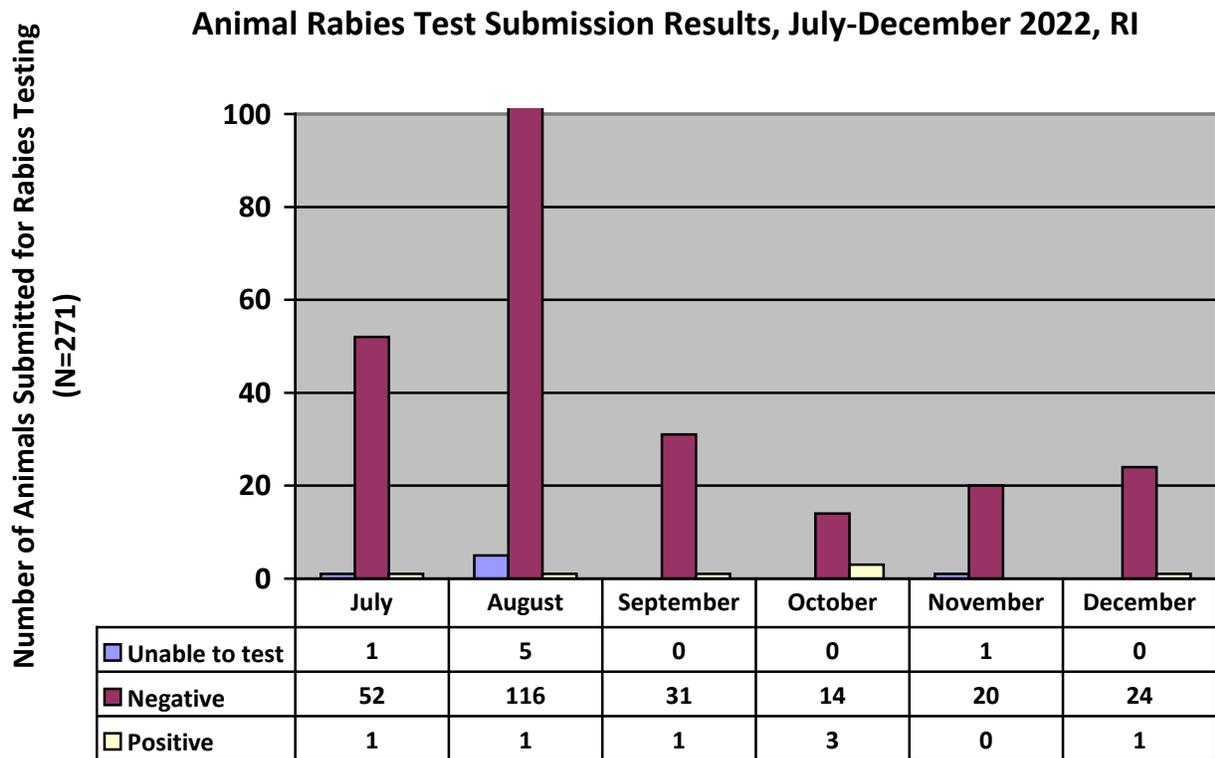


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, July - December 2022, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Bristol	2	28.6%
Providence	4	57.1%
Washington	1	14.3%
Total	7	100.0%

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, July - December 2022, RI

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
Raccoon	4	33.3%	57.1%
Bat	2	1.3%	28.6%
Skunk	1	7.1%	14.3%

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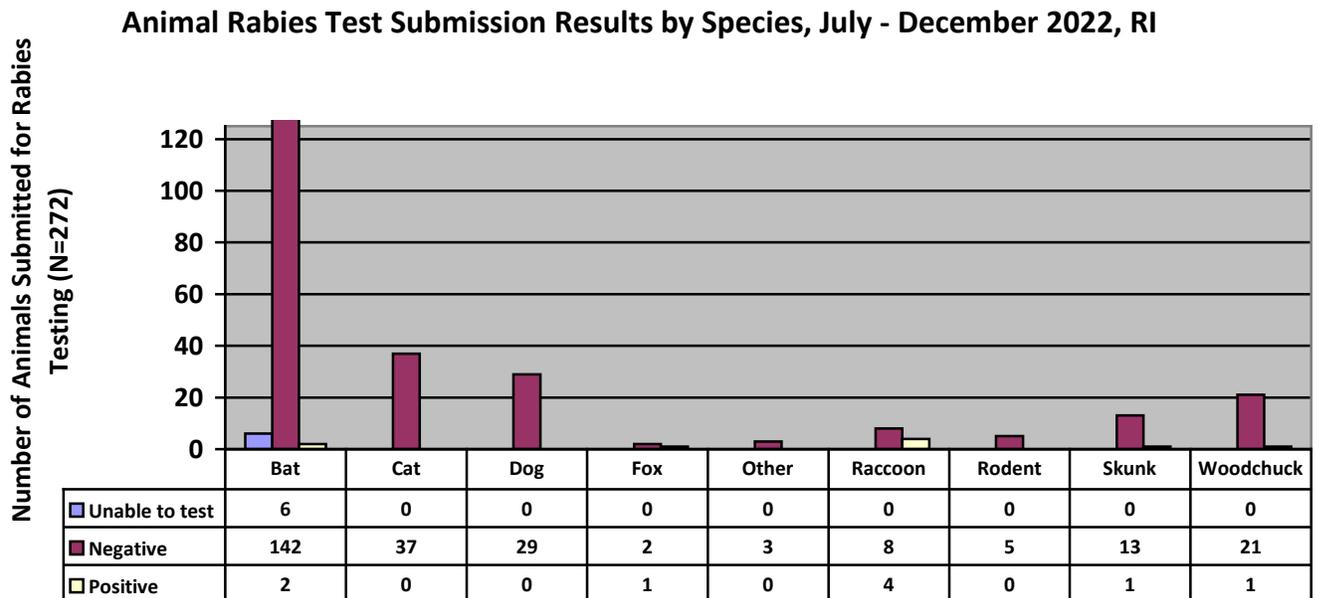


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, July – December 2022, RI

City	Species	Negative	Unable to Test	Positive	Total
Barrington	Bat	2	1	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Bristol	Bat	2	0	1	3
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Burrillville	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Bat	1	0	0	1
Coventry	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Cranston	Bat	20	1	1	22
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Cumberland	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	0	0	2	2
	Rabbit	1	0	0	1
East Greenwich	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	4	0	0	4
	Fox	1	0	0	1
East Providence	Bat	7	0	0	7
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Fox	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Foster	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Glocester	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	1	2
Hopkinton	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	1	0	0	1

Johnston	Bat	4	0	0	4
Lincoln	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Middletown	Cat	3	0	0	3
Narragansett	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Newport	Bat	5	0	0	5
North Kingstown	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
North Providence	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
	Bat	6	0	0	6
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
North Smithfield	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Pawtucket	Bat	9	0	0	9
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Portsmouth	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Opossum	1	0	0	1
Providence	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Bat	28	3	0	31
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Coyote	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Squirrel	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Richmond	Woodchuck	3	0	0	3
	Bat	0	1	0	1
Scituate	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1

Smithfield	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	6	0	0	6
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Tiverton	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Warren	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	1	0	1	2
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Warwick	Bat	7	0	0	7
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	4	0	0	4
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
West Greenwich	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Squirrel	0	1	0	1
West Warwick	Bat	4	0	0	4
Westerly	Bat	19	0	0	19
Woonsocket	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Squirrel	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Massachusetts	Cat	2	0	0	2
Total	All Species	257	7	7	271

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