



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
January 2012 to June 2012

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **208** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 6% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 27% of the samples were tested in **May**.
- A little over half of the submissions and the majority of positive rabies results were for animals from **Providence County**.
- **Bats** were the most common submitted species (40% of all submissions). The majority of bat submissions came from the city of **Providence**.
- The highest rate of positive tests were in **Fox** (100%), followed by **Skunk** (22%), **Raccoons** (15%), and then **Bats** (4%).
- Animals positive for rabies were found in Burrillville, Central Falls, Charlestown, East Greenwich, Narragansett, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Woonsocket, with the most being in the city of **Providence**.

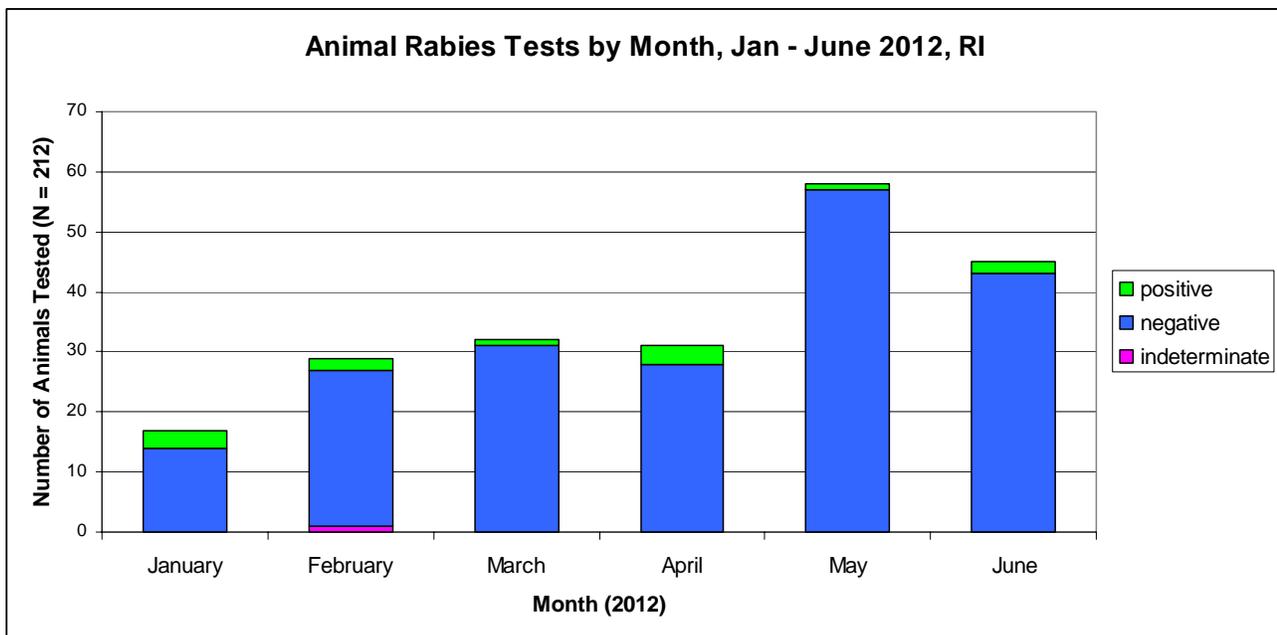


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, Jan – June 2012, RI

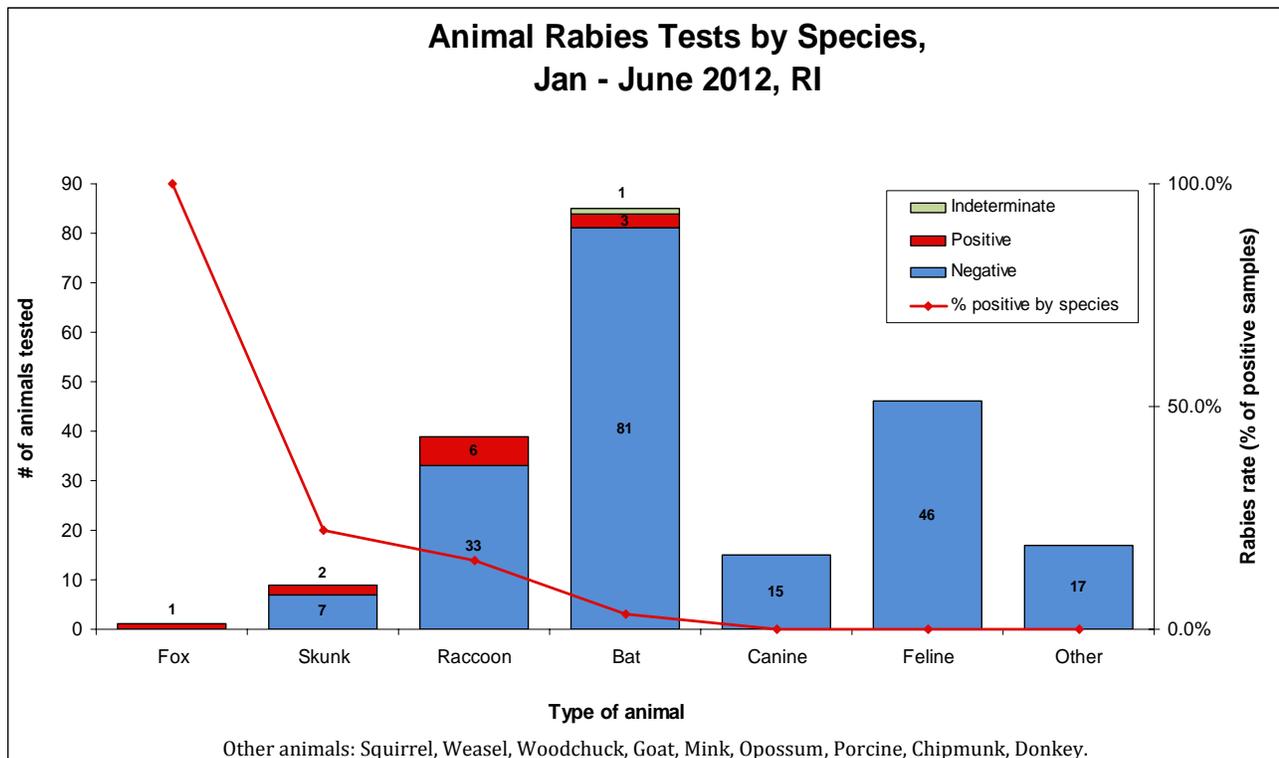
| County | # of Positives | % of Total Positives |
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| Providence County | 8 | 66.67% |
| Washington County | 3 | 25.00% |
| Kent County | 1 | 8.33% |

Table 2. Animals tested for rabies by species and city/town, Jan – June 2012, RI.

| City | Animal Species | # Positive | Total tested | Percent of animal species tested (city / whole state) | Percent of positive tests (animal species and city / animal species and whole state) |
|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---|--|
| Barrington | Bat | 0 | 4 | 4.71% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| Bristol | Bat | 0 | 3 | 3.53% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 2 | 13.33% | N/A |
| | Donkey | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 1 | 2.63% | 0.00% |
| | Squirrel | 0 | 1 | 50.00% | N/A |
| Burillville | Skunk | 0 | 2 | 22.22% | 0.00% |
| | Bat | 1 | 3 | 3.53% | 33.33% |
| | Feline | 0 | 2 | 4.55% | N/A |
| Central Falls | Bat | 1 | 2 | 2.35% | 33.33% |
| Charlestown | Raccoon | 1 | 1 | 2.63% | 16.67% |
| Coventry | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Skunk | 0 | 1 | 11.11% | 0.00% |
| Cranston | Bat | 0 | 7 | 8.24% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 3 | 6.82% | N/A |
| | Porcine | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| | Skunk | 0 | 2 | 22.22% | 0.00% |
| Cumberland | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| East Greenwich | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 3 | 20.00% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 3 | 6.82% | N/A |

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| | Raccoon | 1 | 3 | 7.89% | 16.67% |
| East Providence | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 4 | 9.09% | N/A |
| | Squirrel | 0 | 1 | 50.00% | N/A |
| Exeter | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| Foster | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| Glocester | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 2 | 4.55% | N/A |
| Jamestown | Raccoon | 0 | 1 | 2.63% | 0.00% |
| Johnston | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 2 | 4.55% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 1 | 2.63% | 0.00% |
| Lincoln | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 4 | 10.53% | 0.00% |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 1 | 14.29% | N/A |
| Middletown | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| Narragansett | Bat | 0 | 3 | 3.53% | 0.00% |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 9 | 23.68% | 0.00% |
| | Skunk | 1 | 1 | 11.11% | 50.00% |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 1 | 14.29% | N/A |
| Newport | Bat | 0 | 7 | 8.24% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| North Kingstown | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 3 | 6.82% | N/A |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 1 | 14.29% | N/A |
| North Providence | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Feline | 0 | 2 | 4.55% | N/A |
| North Smithfield | Feline | 0 | 4 | 9.09% | N/A |
| Pawtucket | Bat | 0 | 9 | 10.59% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 2 | 2 | 5.26% | 33.33% |
| | Skunk | 0 | 1 | 11.11% | 0.00% |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 1 | 14.29% | N/A |
| Providence | Bat | 1 | 18 | 21.18% | 33.33% |
| | Feline | 0 | 3 | 6.82% | N/A |
| | Opossum | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 2 | 5 | 13.16% | 33.33% |
| | Skunk | 0 | 1 | 11.11% | 0.00% |
| Richmond | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 1 | 2.63% | 0.00% |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 2 | 28.57% | N/A |
| Scituate | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 2 | 4.55% | N/A |
| Smithfield | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|
| | Goat | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| South Kingstown | Bat | 0 | 1 | 1.18% | 0.00% |
| | Fox | 1 | 1 | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| | Weasel | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
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| Tiverton | Mink | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 2 | 5.26% | 0.00% |
| | Woodchuck | 0 | 1 | 14.29% | N/A |
| Wakefield | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| Warren | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| Warwick | Bat | 0 | 3 | 3.53% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 3 | 20.00% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 4 | 9.09% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 4 | 10.53% | 0.00% |
| West Warwick | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| Westerly | Bat | 0 | 3 | 3.53% | 0.00% |
| | Chipmunk | 0 | 1 | 100.00% | N/A |
| Woonsocket | Bat | 0 | 2 | 2.35% | 0.00% |
| | Canine | 0 | 1 | 6.67% | N/A |
| | Feline | 0 | 1 | 2.27% | N/A |
| | Raccoon | 0 | 4 | 10.53% | 0.00% |
| | Skunk | 1 | 1 | 11.11% | 50.00% |
| Grand Total | | 12 | 208 | | |



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