



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology  
**Animal Rabies Surveillance Report**  
 January 2013 to June 2013

*Report at a glance:*

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **215** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 6.6% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 37% of the samples were tested in **June**.
- The majority of submissions (59%) came from **Providence County**.
- **Bats** and **Felines** were the most commonly submitted species (27% of all submissions each). Seventy-five (75) percent of the bat submissions and 57% of the feline submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rate of positive tests were in **Raccoon** (21%), followed by **Skunk** (17%), **Woodchucks** (11%), and then **Bats** (3%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in Coventry, Cranston, Hopkinton, Johnston, Pawtucket, Providence, Richmond, Smithfield, Warwick, West Greenwich, and West Warwick.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Test and Results, January – June 2013, RI

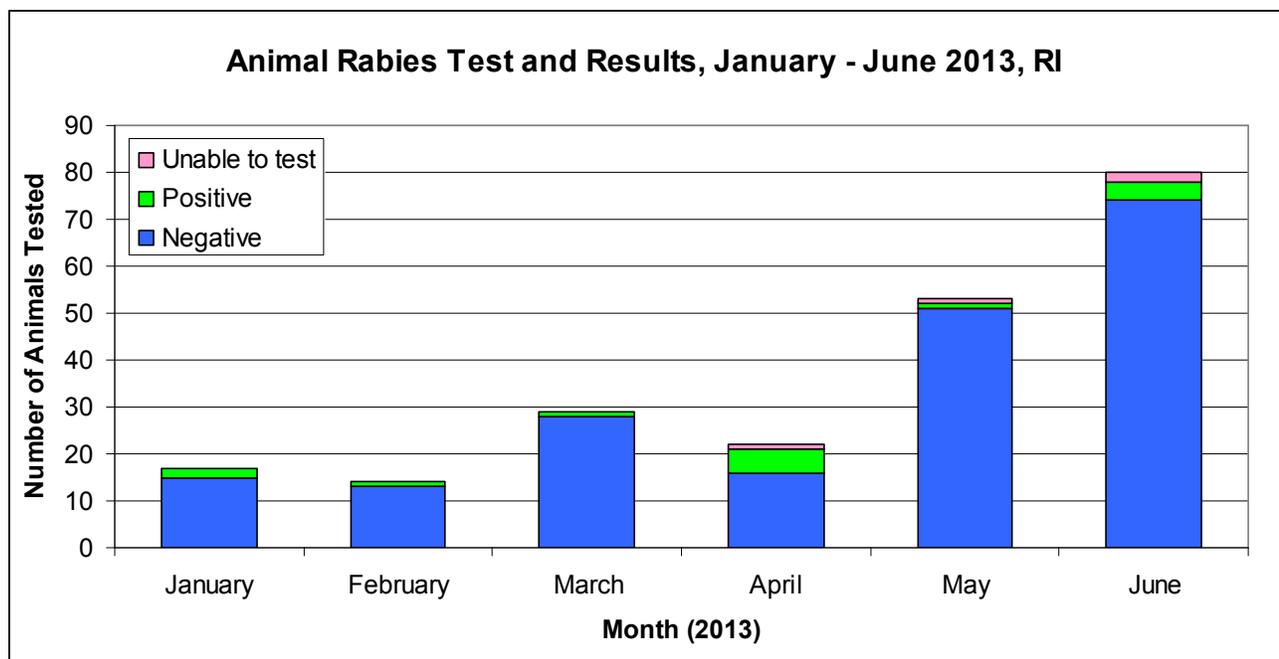


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, January – June 2013, RI

County	# of Positives	% of Total Positives
Kent County	6	42.86%
Providence County	6	42.86%
Washington County	2	14.29%

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, January – June 2013, RI

Species	# Positive	By Species (Number positive / number tested) x 100	(Number positive for this species / Number of all positive tests) x 100
Bat	2	3.45%	14.29%
Raccoon	9	21.43%	64.29%
Skunk	2	16.67%	14.29%
Woodchuck	1	11.11%	7.14%

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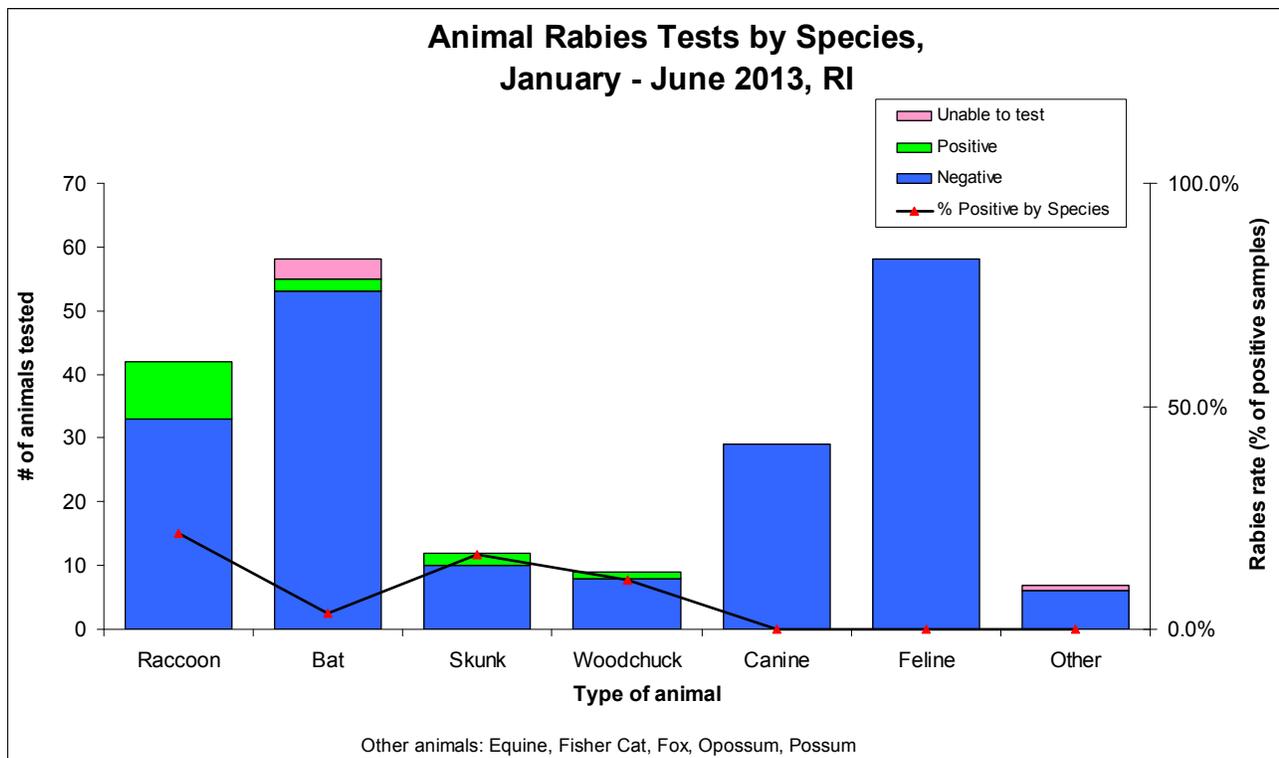


Table 3. Animals tested for rabies by species and city/town, January – June 2013, RI

City	Animal Species	# Positive	Total tested (of that species in the city)	Percent of animal species tested (city / whole state)	Percent of positive tests (animal species and city / animal species and whole state)
Barrington	Feline	0	2	3.45%	N/A
	Skunk	0	2	16.67%	0.00%
Bristol	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
Burillville	Raccoon	0	1	2.38%	0.00%
Burrillville	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
Coventry	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	4	6.90%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	1	2.38%	11.11%
	Woodchuck	1	1	11.11%	100.00%
Cranston	Bat	0	11	18.97%	0.00%
	Canine	0	4	13.79%	0.00%
	Feline	0	3	5.17%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	2	4.76%	11.11%
	Skunk	0	1	8.33%	0.00%
Cumberland	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	4	9.52%	0.00%
East Greenwich	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	2	22.22%	0.00%
East Providence	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Canine	0	2	6.90%	0.00%
	Feline	0	4	6.90%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
Exeter	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Fox	0	1	50.00%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
Forestdale	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Glocester	Bat	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
Greene	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Hope Valley	Skunk	0	1	8.33%	0.00%
Hopkinton	Raccoon	1	1	2.38%	11.11%
Jamestown	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
Johnston	Bat	1	2	3.45%	0.5
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	5	8.62%	0.00%
Lincoln	Bat	0	2	3.45%	0.00%

	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
Mapleville	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
Middletown	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Narragansett	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Newport	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
North Kingston	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Fisher Cat	0	1	100.00%	0.00%
North Kingstown	Bat	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	6	14.29%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	2	16.67%	0.00%
North Providence	Bat	0	5	8.62%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	2.38%	0.00%
North Scituate	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
North Smithfield	Canine	0	3	10.34%	0.00%
	Feline	0	3	5.17%	0.00%
Pacoag	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Pawtucket	Bat	1	8	13.79%	50.00%
	Canine	0	2	6.90%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	3	7.14%	11.11%
	Skunk	0	2	16.67%	0.00%
Portsmouth	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
Providence	Bat	0	9	15.52%	0.00%
	Canine	0	2	6.90%	0.00%
	Feline	0	4	6.90%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	3	7.14%	0.00%
	Skunk	1	2	16.67%	50.00%
Richmond	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	4	9.52%	11.11%
Riverside	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Saunderstown	Fox	0	1	50.00%	0.00%
Scituate	Canine	0	2	6.90%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Smithfield	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Equine	0	2	100.00%	0.00%
	Opossum	0	1	100.00%	0.00%
	Skunk	1	1	8.33%	0.5
South Kingston	Raccoon	0	4	9.52%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
South Kingstown	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Tiverton	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Wakefield	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
Warwick	Bat	0	1	1.72%	0.00%
	Feline	0	5	8.62%	0.00%
	Possum	0	1	100.00%	0.00%
	Raccoon	2	2	4.76%	22.22%
	Woodchuck	0	1	11.11%	0.00%
West Greenwich	Raccoon	1	1	2.38%	11.11%

West Warwick	Bat	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	5	11.90%	11.11%
Westerly	Bat	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	2	4.76%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	8.33%	0.00%
Woonsocket	Bat	0	3	5.17%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	3.45%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	2	4.76%	0.00%

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