



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology  
**Animal Rabies Surveillance Report**  
 July 2014 to December 2014

**Report at a glance:**

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **436** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 3.40% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 52.1% of the samples were tested in **August**.
- The majority of submissions (63%) came from **Providence County**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (68.6% of all submissions). Approximately 70.8% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rate of positive tests were in **Bats** (33.3%), followed by **Skunks** (26.7%), **Foxes** (13.3%), **Raccoons** (13.3%), **Groundhogs** (6.7%) and **Equines** (6.7%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in Coventry, Harrisville, Hopkinton, Lincoln, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, South Kingstown, Wakefield, Warwick.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, July - December 2014, RI

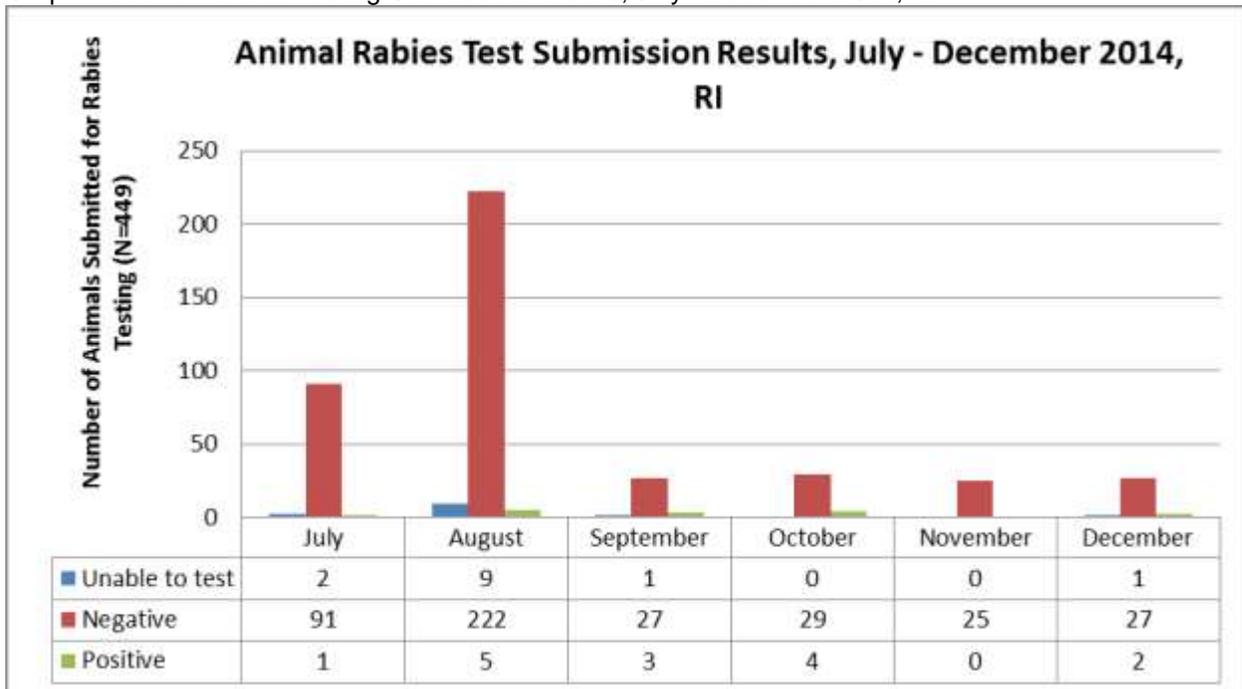


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, July – December 2014, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Kent	3	20.0%
Newport	1	6.7%
Providence	7	46.7%
Washington	4	26.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, July - December 2014, 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
Bat	5	1.7%	33.3%
Equine	1	50.0%	6.7%
Fox	2	40.0%	13.3%
Groundhog	1	100.0%	6.7%
Raccoon	2	15.4%	13.3%
Skunk	4	28.6%	26.7%

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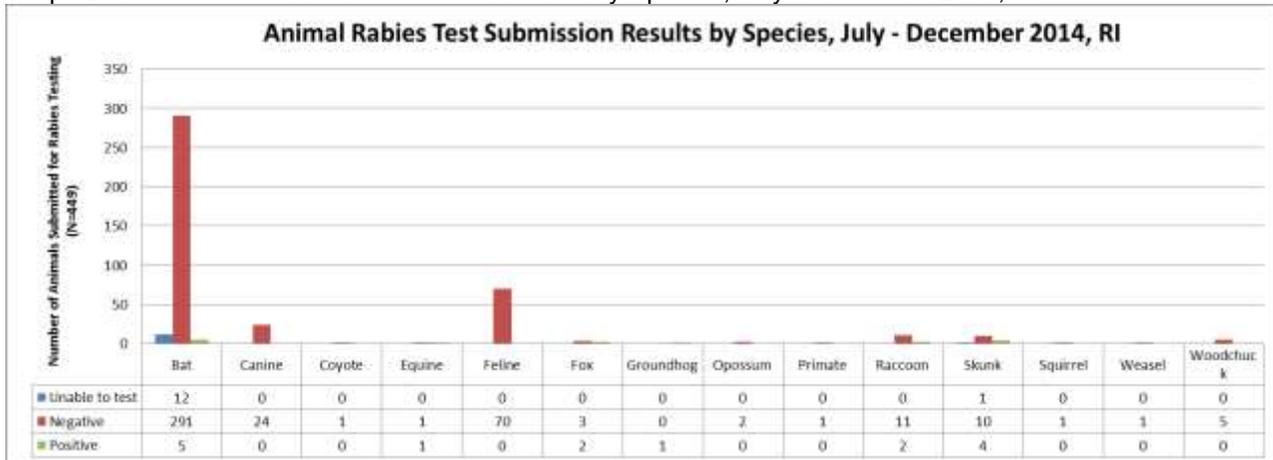


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, July -- December 2014, RI

<b>Rabies July-December 2014, RI</b>					
<b>Locale</b>	<b>Animal Species</b>	<b>Test Result</b>			
		<b>Unable to test</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Barrington</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Feline</b>	0	4	0	4
<b>Bristol</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	0	5
<b>Burrillville</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Carolina</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Charlestown</b>	<b>Woodchuck</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Coventry</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	1	6
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	6	0	6
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	2	1	3
<b>Cranston</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	29	0	30
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Woodchuck</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	3	0	3
	<b>Feline</b>	0	5	0	5
<b>East Greenwich</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	3	0	4
	<b>Canine</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Feline</b>	0	3	0	3
<b>East Providence</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	7	0	7
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Primate</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Exeter</b>	<b>Bat</b>	2	1	0	3
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Forestdale</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Foster</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	2	0	2
<b>Glocester</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	4	0	4
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Fox</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Woodchuck</b>	0	1	0	1

<b>Greene</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Greenville</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	2	0	2
<b>Harmony</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Harrisville</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	0	2	2
<b>Hopkinton</b>	<b>Equine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Groundhog</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>Jamestown</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Johnston</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	9	0	9
	<b>Feline</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	9	1	10
	<b>Equine</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>Little Compton</b>	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Middletown</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Narragansett</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	0	0	1
<b>Newport</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	9	0	9
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	0	1	1
	<b>Squirrel</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>North Kingstown</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>North Providence</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	12	0	12
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>North Scituate</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>North Smithfield</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Fox</b>	0	0	1	1
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Pascoag</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Skunk</b>	1	0	0	1
<b>Pawtucket</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	24	1	26
	<b>Feline</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Woodchuck</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	3	0	3
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Providence</b>	<b>Bat</b>	3	82	0	85

	<b>Canine</b>	0	4	0	4
	<b>Coyote</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	7	0	7
	<b>Opossum</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	2	0	2
<b>Richmond</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Rumford</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Saunderstown</b>	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Scituate</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	3	0	3
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Smithfield</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>South Kingstown</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	5	0	5
	<b>Fox</b>	0	0	1	1
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Weasel</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Tiverton</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Wakefield</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	3	1	4
<b>Warren</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Warwick</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	16	1	18
	<b>Canine</b>	0	2	0	2
	<b>Feline</b>	0	9	0	9
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Weekapaug</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>West Greenwich</b>	<b>Feline</b>	0	3	0	3
	<b>Fox</b>	0	2	0	2
<b>West Warwick</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	4	0	5
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Westerly</b>	<b>Bat</b>	1	12	0	13
	<b>Canine</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>Bat</b>	0	8	0	8
	<b>Feline</b>	0	1	0	1
	<b>Skunk</b>	0	3	0	3
	<b>Woodchuck</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>		13	421	15	449

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