



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
 July 2021 to December 2021

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **355** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 3.7% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- The month with the highest number of samples submitted for tested was **August (46%)**, followed by July (22%), December (9%), September (9%), October (8%), and November (6%). Refer to Graph 1.
- Most submissions (50%) came from **Providence County**, and the majority of submissions that tested **positive** came from **Providence County** (69%). Refer to Table 1.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (66% of all submissions). Approximately 54% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rate of positive tests was in **raccoons** (46%), followed by **skunks** (13%), and **bats** (3%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in **nine Rhode Island towns**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, July-December 2021, RI

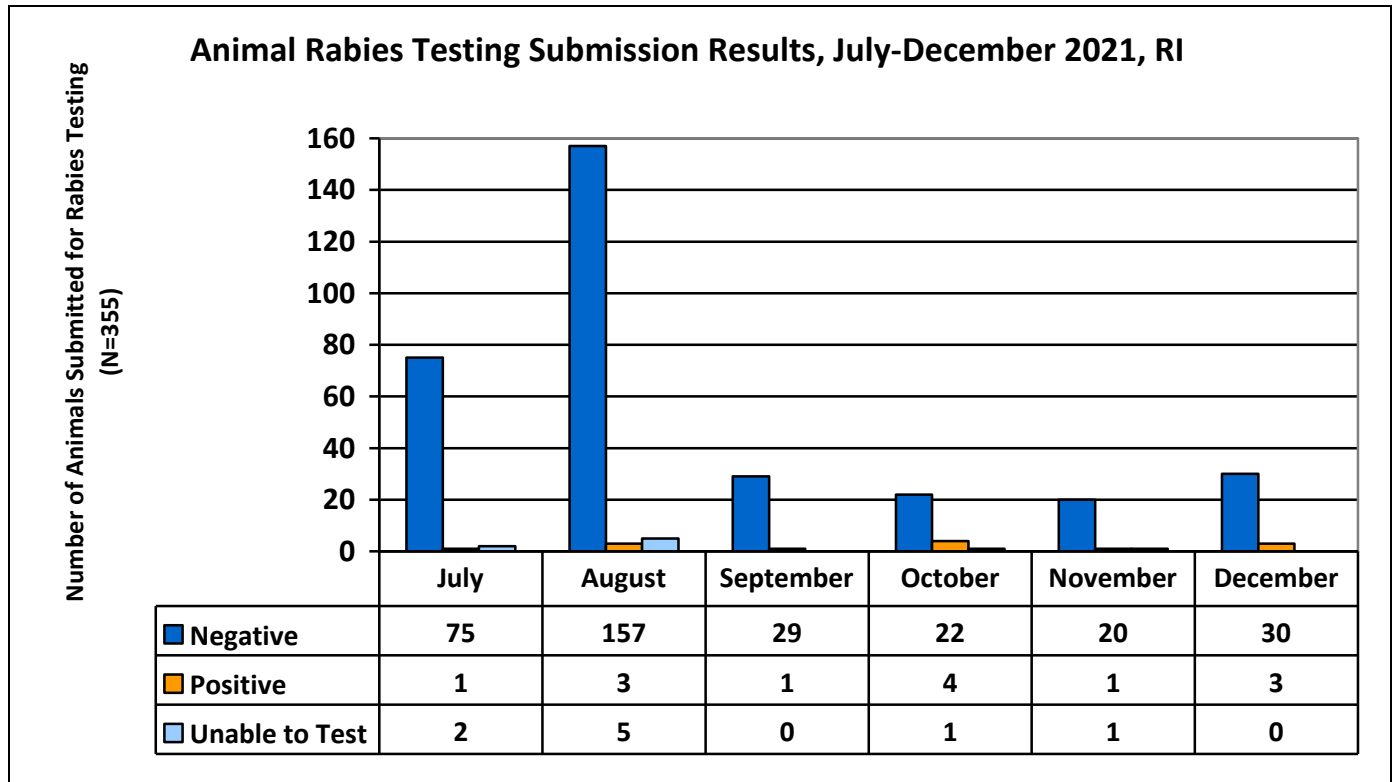


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, July-December 2021, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Kent	1	8%
Providence	9	69%
Washington	3	23%
Total	13	n/a

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, July-December 2021, RI

Species	# Positive	% Positive by Species (Number of this species positive/ number of this species tested)	% Positive Overall (Number positive for this species / Number of all positive tests)
Bat	6	3%	46%
Raccoon	6	46%	46%
Skunk	1	13%	8%

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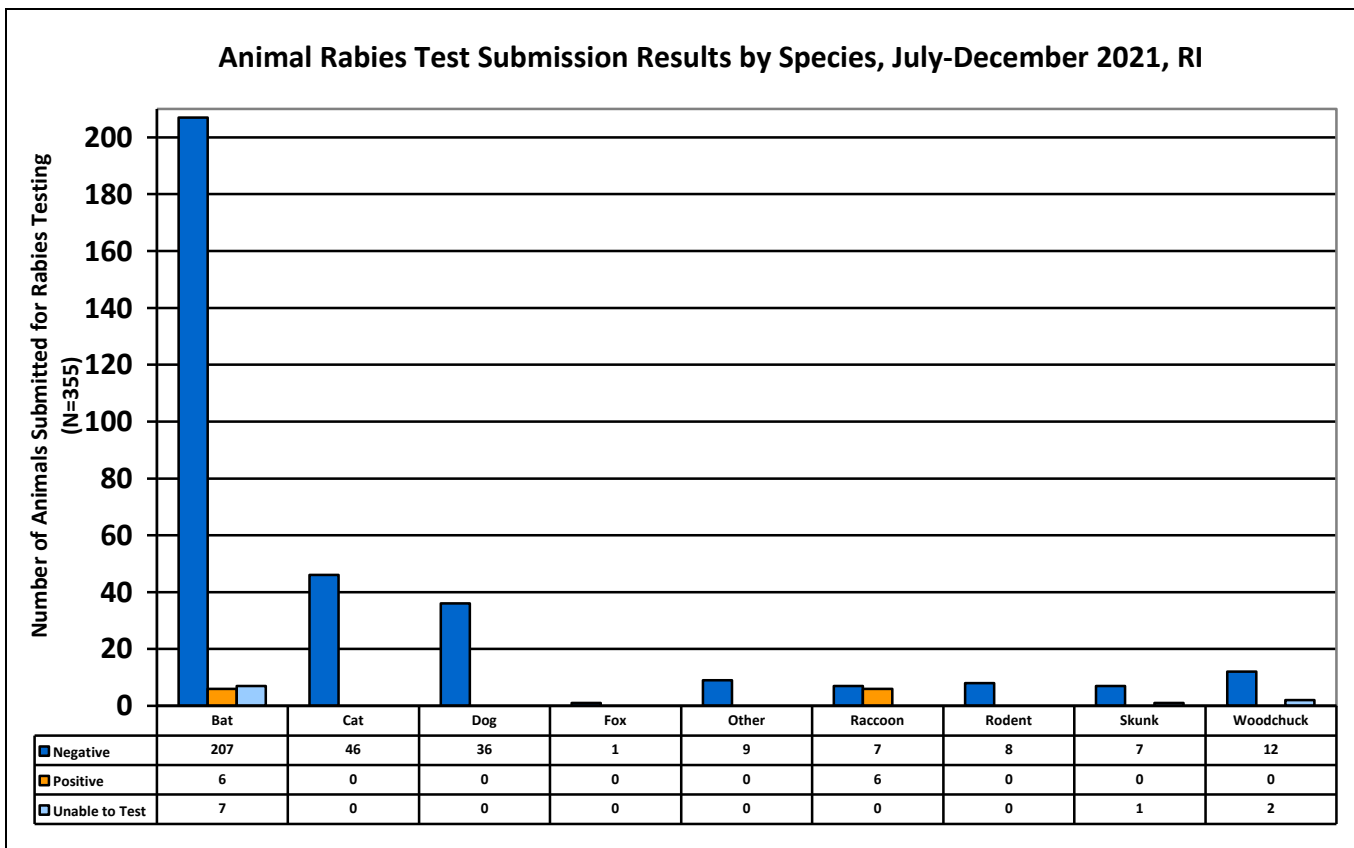


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, July-December 2021, RI

City	Species	Negative	Positive	Unable to Test	Total
Barrington	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Bristol	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Burrillville	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	1	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Coventry	Bat	7	0	0	7
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Cranston	Bat	28	0	0	28
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	0	1	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Cumberland	Bat	5	0	1	6
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
East Greenwich	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	9	0	0	9
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Rodent	2	0	0	2
East Providence	Bat	5	1	1	7
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Coyote	1	0	0	1
	Dog	5	0	0	5
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Foster	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Bobcat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Glocester	Bat	1	0	0	1
Hopkinton	Bat	2	0	0	2

	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Jamestown	Bat	1	0	1	2
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Johnston	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Cow	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Lincoln	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Little Compton	Bat	1	0	0	1
Middletown	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Narragansett	Bat	5	0	0	5
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Weasel	1	0	0	1
Newport	Bat	10	0	0	10
	Cat	1	0	0	1
North Kingstown	Bat	8	0	0	8
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	5	0	0	5
	Raccoon	0	2	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
North Providence	Bat	3	1	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	2	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	1	2
North Smithfield	Fox	1	0	0	1
Pawtucket	Bat	11	0	0	11
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Portsmouth	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Mink	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Providence	Bat	37	1	1	39
	Cat	5	0	0	5
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Donkey	1	0	0	1
	Opossum	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	1	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2

Richmond	Bat	0	1	0	1
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Scituate	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Smithfield	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Opossum	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	10	0	0	10
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Donkey	1	0	0	1
Tiverton	Bat	1	0	0	1
Warren	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Warwick	Bat	15	1	1	17
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	5	0	0	5
	Rodent	2	0	0	2
West Greenwich	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
West Warwick	Bat	4	0	1	5
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Westerly	Bat	16	0	1	17
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Woonsocket	Bat	3	1	0	4
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	1	2
Connecticut	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Massachusetts	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Total	All Species	333	13	9	355

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