



Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services
 Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
 January 2022 to June 2022

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **272** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately **3.7%** of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately **26.5%** of the samples were tested in **June**.
- The majority of submissions (48.9%) came from **Providence County**. **Three** (1.1%) submissions were from **Massachusetts**, and **two** (0.7%) submissions were from **Connecticut**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (43.0% of all submissions). Approximately 55.6% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rates of positive tests were in **raccoons** (20.0%) and **fox** (20.0%), followed by **woodchucks** (2.9%), and **bats** (2.6%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in **nine Rhode Island towns**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, January- June 2022, RI

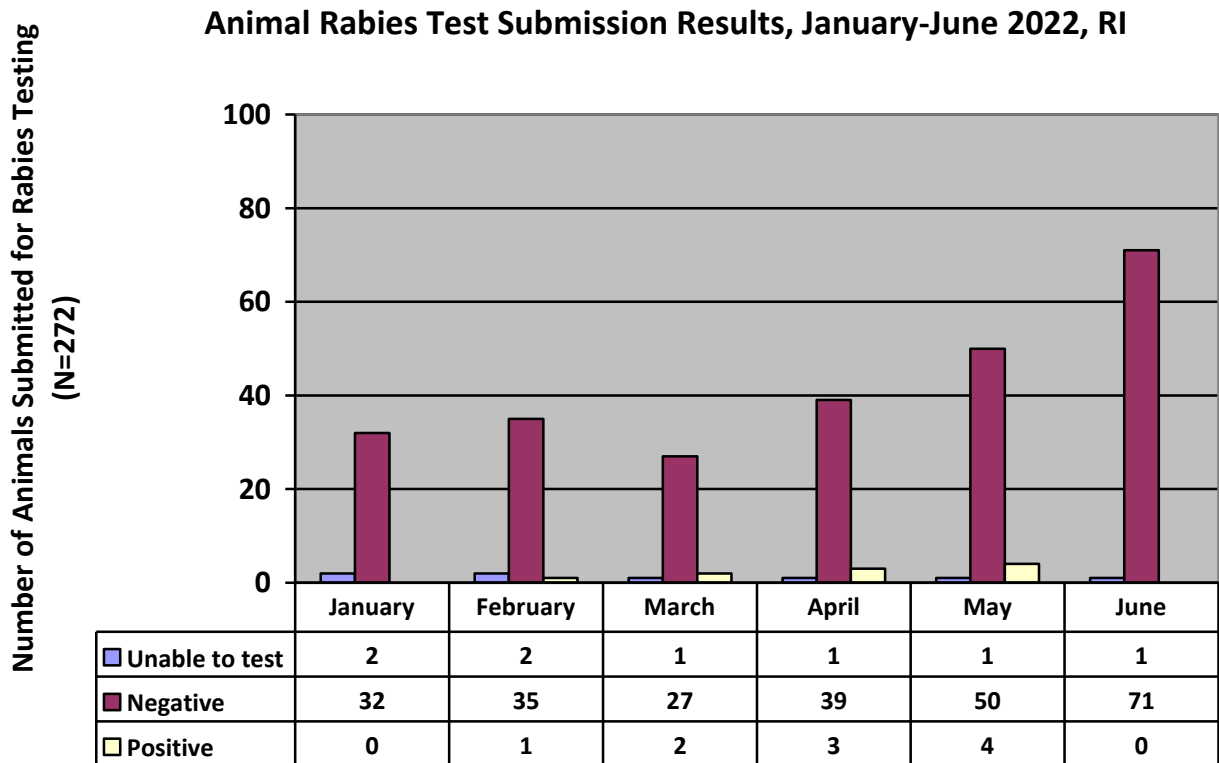


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, January- June 2022, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Bristol	2	20.0%
Kent	3	30.0%
Providence	3	30.0%
Newport	0	0.0%
Washington	2	20.0%
Total	10	100.0%

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, January-June 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	5	20.0%	50.0%
Bat	3	2.6%	30.0%
Fox	1	20.0%	10.0%
Woodchuck	1	2.9%	10.0%

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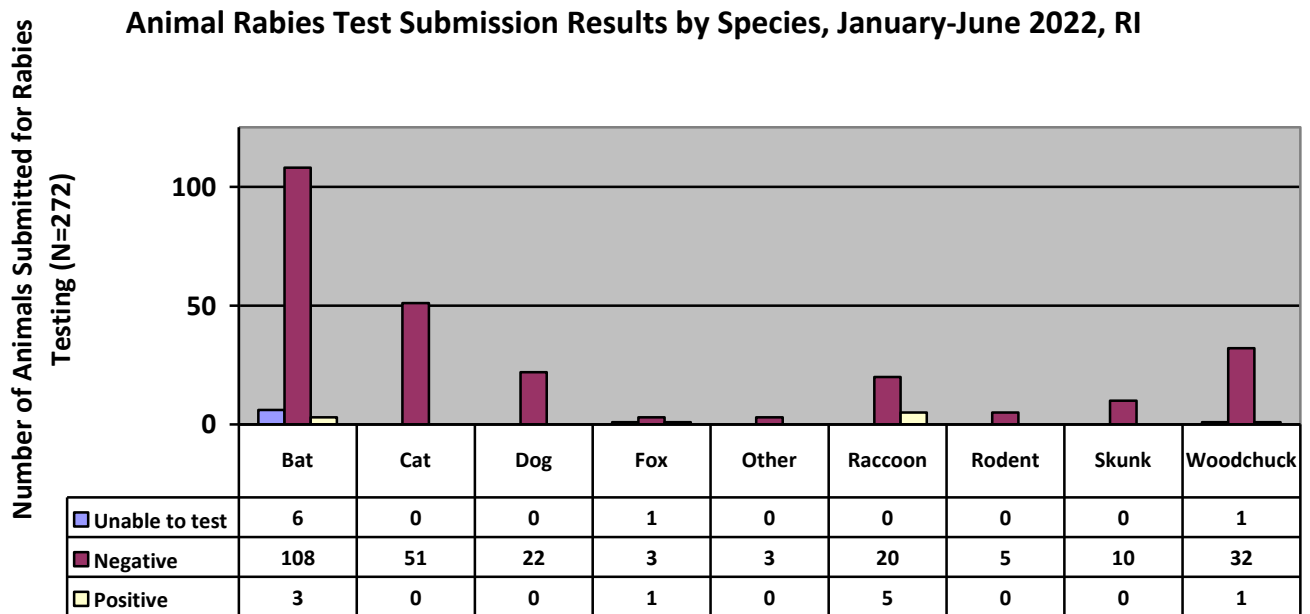


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, January-June 2022, RI

City	Species	Negative	Unable to Test	Positive	Total
Bristol	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	1	3
Burrillville	Fisher	1	0	0	1
	Fox	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Central Falls	Cat	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Rabbit	1	0	0	1
Coventry	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Fox	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
	Cranston	Bat	8	2	0
Cat		5	0	0	5
Dog		2	0	0	2
Raccoon		2	0	0	2
Skunk		1	0	0	1
Cumberland		Bat	2	0	0
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Squirrel	1	0	0	1
East Greenwich	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Fox	0	1	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
East Providence	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Exeter	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Foster	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Fox	0	0	1	1
Glocester	Cat	1	0	0	1

	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Hopkinton	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Jamestown	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Johnston	Bat	6	0	0	6
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Lincoln	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Little Compton	Bat	1	0	0	1
Middletown	Bat	2	2	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Narragansett	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Newport	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
North Kingstown	Bat	1	0	1	2
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	5	0	1	6
	Woodchuck	1	1	0	2
North Providence	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
North Smithfield	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Pawtucket	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Portsmouth	Dog	1	0	0	1
Providence	Bat	22	0	0	22
	Cat	7	0	0	7
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	4	0	0	4
	Woodchuck	3	0	0	3

Richmond	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Horse	1	0	0	1
Scituate	Bat	8	1	0	9
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Smithfield	Bat	5	0	0	5
	Cat	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	5	0	0	5
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Tiverton	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Warren	Raccoon	1	0	1	2
	Rodent	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Warwick	Bat	7	1	1	9
	Cat	6	0	0	6
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	3	0	0	3
West Greenwich	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
West Warwick	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Westerly	Bat	10	0	1	11
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Woonsocket	Bat	1	0	0	0
	Cat	1	0	0	0
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	0
Connecticut	Cat	2	0	0	2
Massachusetts	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	2	0	0	2
Total	All Species	254	8	10	272

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