



Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services  
 Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology  
**Animal Rabies Surveillance Report**  
 January 2019 to June 2019

**Report at a glance:**

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **250** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 3.6% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 27.2% of the samples were tested in **June**.
- The majority of submissions (52.8%) came from **Providence County**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (34.0% of all submissions). Approximately 62.4% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rate of positive tests were in **foxes** (16.7%), followed by **skunks** (15.4%), **raccoons** (5.4%), and **bats** (4.7%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in **seven towns**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, January – June 2019, RI

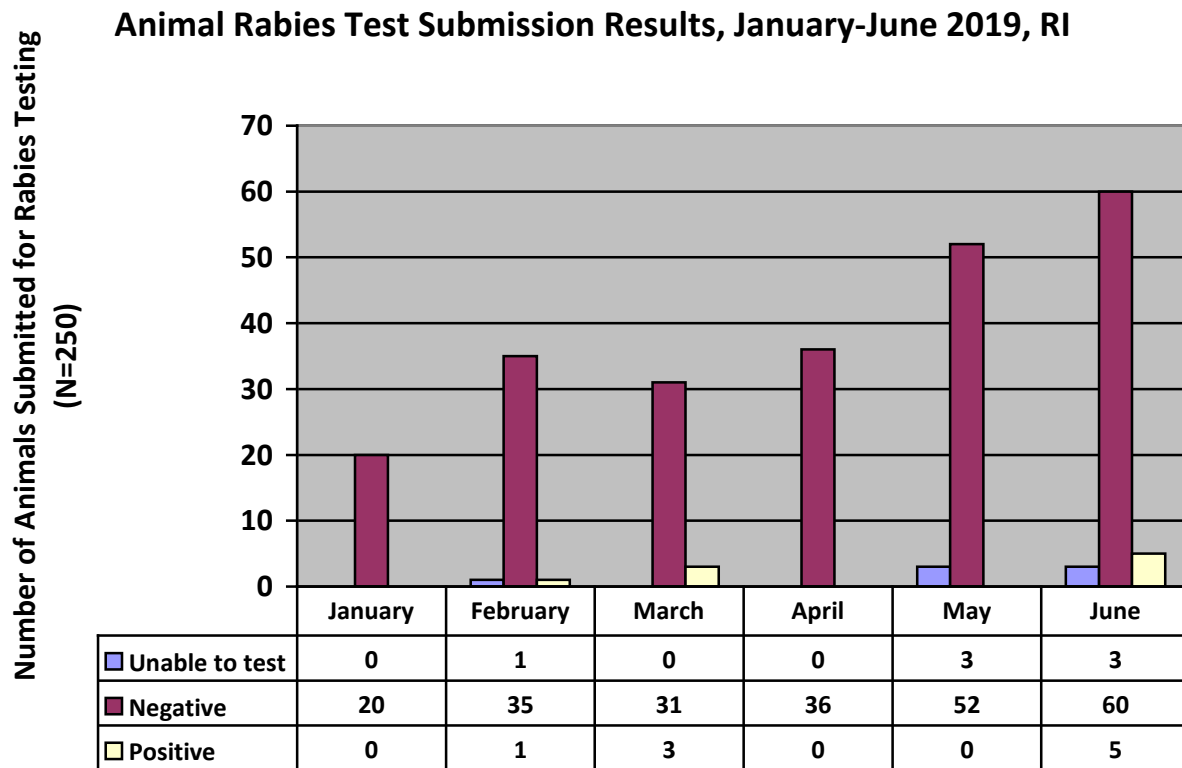


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, January – June 2019, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Kent	2	22.2%
Newport	0	0.0%
Providence	4	44.4%
Washington	3	33.3%
Total	9	100.0%

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, January – June 2019, 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	4	4.7%	44.4%
Raccoon	2	5.4%	22.2%
Skunk	2	15.4%	22.2%
Fox	1	16.7%	11.1%

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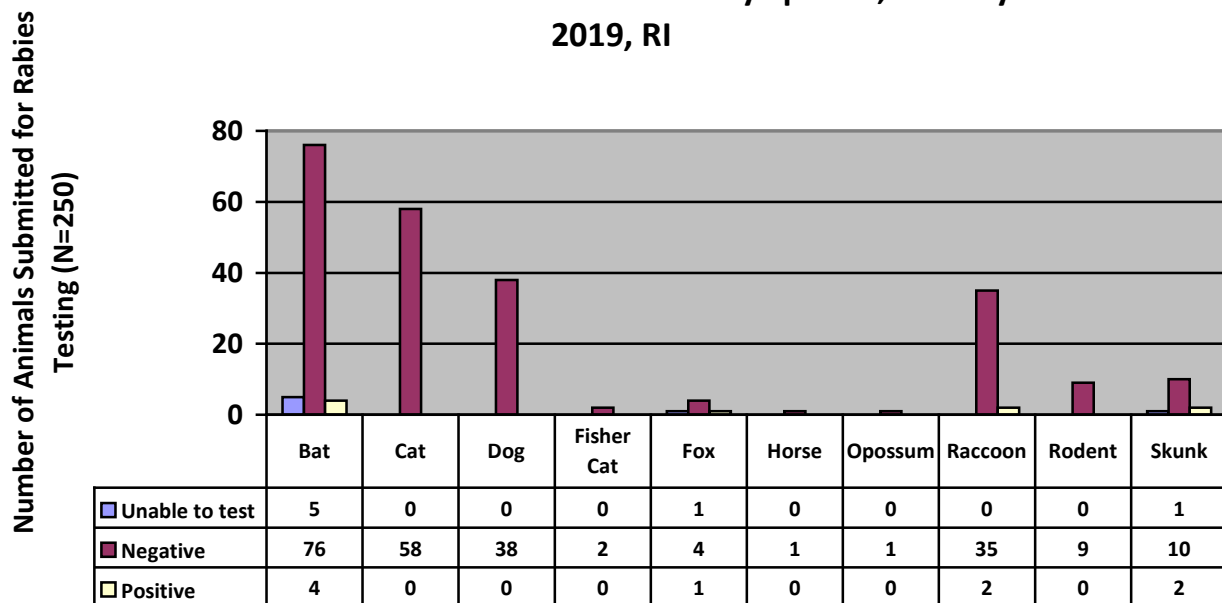


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, January – June 2019, RI

City	Species	Negative	Unable to Test	Positive	Total
Barrington	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
Bristol	Bat	1	0	0	1
Burrillville	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Central Falls	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Coventry	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Fisher Cat	1	0	0	1
	Horse	1	0	0	1
Cranston	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	3	0	0	3
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Cumberland	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
East Greenwich	Cat	10	0	0	10
	Dog	4	0	0	4
	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
East Providence	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	4	0	0	4
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
Exeter	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Foster	Bat	2	0	0	2
Glocester	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Hopkinton	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Jamestown	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1

Johnston	Bat	1	1	0	2
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
Lincoln	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
Middletown	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Narragansett	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	0	0	1	1
Newport	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
North Kingstown	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	1	2
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
North Providence	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
	Rodent	2	0	0	2
North Smithfield	Bat	0	0	1	1
	Dog	2	0	0	2
	Fox	0	0	1	1
	Skunk	0	0	1	1
Pawtucket	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Portsmouth	Cat	3	0	0	3
Providence	Bat	26	2	0	28
	Cat	5	0	0	5
	Dog	6	0	0	6
	Fox	1	1	0	2
	Opossum	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	6	0	0	6
	Skunk	0	1	0	1
Richmond	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
Scituate	Bat	2	0	1	3
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Smithfield	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1

	Fox	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
Tiverton	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Warren	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Warwick	Bat	4	2	1	7
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	5	0	0	5
	Raccoon	3	0	0	3
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
West Greenwich	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Fisher Cat	1	0	0	1
	Fox	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
West Warwick	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Westerly	Bat	3	0	1	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Woonsocket	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	4	0	0	4
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Massachusetts	Canine	1	0	0	1
Total	All Species	234	7	9	250

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