

# RABIES TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective Monday, October 16, 2023, SHL will only accept unvaccinated animals that have bitten a person and bats found in the home for rabies testing. All other specimens submitted to SHL for rabies testing will be sent to the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ISU VDL) for testing until further notice. Please call the lab ahead of submission for specimen assessment, 319-335-4335. For questions after hours, call 319-335-5022 (UI Department of Public Safety – UI Police) and ask to be connected with the State Hygienic Laboratory Rabies On-Call Staff.

Alternatively, samples for rabies testing can be submitted directly to the ISU VDL for testing ([Rabies testing at ISU VDL](#)).