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RABIES ANTIBODY TESTING
RAPID FLUORESCENT FOCUS INHIBITION TEST (RFFIT)
Humans and Animals

ATLANTA HEALTH ASSOCIATES was established in 1993 by the late Keith Sikes, D.V.M., M.P.H. and Mary Yager, B.S. Since that time the laboratory in Cumming, Georgia has offered the rabies viral neutralization test (RFFIT) test for both human and animal specimens. This licensed facility is under the directorship of Richard H. Newhouse, Ph. D.

COST OF TESTS:

Screen:	\$35.00	To determine if booster dose is needed
End Point:	\$50.00	To determine a more exact titer
	\$60.00 (animal/export)	

TITER INTERPRETATION

- A titer ≥ 0.5 International Units (IU) indicates a positive antibody response to rabies vaccination.
- A titer of < 0.5 IU indicates a need for a booster dose of vaccine. (Per WHO recommendations. ACIP recommendations are lower. See [ACIP recommendations](#).)
- Results will be mailed within seven days after the serum is received. Results can be provided by fax, telephone or email if requested.

SHIPPING

- After centrifugation please **transfer 0.5 to 1.0 ml serum** from vacutainer tube to plastic leak-proof container. Send refrigerated serum and the attached form to the above address. **PLEASE NOTE: IF SAMPLES ARE SUBMITTED OTHER THAN SPECIFIED, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$5.00 .**
- If the form is not available, please provide the name and vaccination history for each specimen submitted as well as the name and address of the person to whom results should be sent.

Samples may be rejected because of:

- Gross hemolysis
- Gross lipemia
- Volume less than 0.5mL
- Contamination
- Specimen mislabeled

PAYMENT

- *Institutions* should provide billing address with specimens and purchase order number if required.
- *Individuals and animal exports* should include a personal check or money order made payable to: **Atlanta Health Associates, Inc.**
- Credit cards are accepted for an additional fee. Please complete the credit card information sheet or call for assistance.

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Request for Rabies RFFIT Serology

Name & Address _____
for _____
Results _____

 Attention: _____
 Telephone #: _____
 Fax #: _____
 Email: _____

Costs: (please indicate by circling it which test you are requesting)
Screen: \$35.00
(Default if none selected)
End Point: \$50.00
 \$60.00 – animal/export
***Special Handling:** \$5.00 (see below)

Billing Address _____
(If different from above) _____

- Individuals & Exports Please enclose check or money order made payable to Atlanta Health Associates, Inc.
- Institutions Please provide mailing address and a PO # if required by payee.

Shipping Instructions

- After centrifugation please **transfer 0.5 to 1.0 mL serum from vacutainer tube** to plastic leak-proof container and package to withstand leakage of contents from the shipping container. ****Subject to special handling fee if submitted other than specified.***
(See CDC Biosafety Manual or DOT guidelines for specific packaging requirements.)
- Send refrigerated serum and this form to the above address, preferably via next day delivery.
- Deliveries cannot be accepted on weekends and holidays.

Name <small>(animals being exported must include microchip #)</small>	Vaccination History	Specimen Date	Comments	Lab Use
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Test Interpretation

- A titer ≥ 0.5 International Units (IU) indicates a reactive antibody response to rabies vaccination. If the titer is less than 0.5 IU, a booster dose of rabies vaccine is indicated. (Per WHO recommendations. ACIP recommendations are lower. See [ACIP recommendations.](#))
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