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Memo

To: Submitters of Specimen for Rabies testing

From: Dr. Anette Rink, Laboratory Supervisor

Date: November 22, 2011

Re: Shipping requirements for rabies specimen to the ADL, Sparks

When shipping specimen for rabies testing to the ADL timeliness, adequate cooling and correct packaging are essential.

Please consider the following:

- The specimens should be contained in a primary waterproof package (plastic bag or plastic container).
- The primary container should be wrapped in enough absorbent material to contain any leakage (blood and other body fluids) should the primary container be damaged.
- A second plastic bag should hold that package together.
- Frozen ice packs should surround the biological specimen to control temperature.
- Specimen should always be cooled to approx 40°F before they are included in the shipment. Please avoid shipping body-warm or room temperature specimen since this will compromise the specimen and the validity of the test.
- The outer shell of the package should be impermeable (e.g. Styrofoam container).

Please feel free to call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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