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EU approved laboratory for checking the effectiveness of rabies vaccination in certain domestic carnivores (2004/233/EC)

We thank you for your fax/phone enquiry and take pleasure in sending you our **Information Sheet** and **Test Request Form**.

# When sending samples by mail, please note the following information carefully

* *use tear resistant or padded envelopes*
* *test tubes should be adequately packed (use only unbreakable tubes – no glass)*
* *please note* *adequate prepayment.*

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

*With kind regards,*

# Regulations for the import to countries of the European Community

For the import of dogs and cats from designated countries into the EC in addition to a valid vaccination against rabies a blood test to determine the titre of neutralizing antibodies against rabies virus is required.

Our laboratory is authorized for the rabies antibody testing by the EC. Please notice the following information in order to avoid unnecessary delays in sample processing.

**Identification:**

Animals have to be identified unmistakably prior to the import (microchip). Please note that the identification must take place before the vaccination.

**Vaccination:**

The animals have to be vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine against rabies licensed in the country of their residence. Before vaccination an identification of the animal (see above) has to take place.

**Blood sample:**

After the vaccination a blood sample has to be taken by a veterinary surgeon. Approximately 1 ml of serum is required for the blood test.

In addition to the identification of the animal (see above) further information such as details about the last rabies vaccination have to be supplied to enable us to issue a certificate. Please use the attached sample submission form. Please note that samples (also single samples) have to be labelled unequivocally, i.e. the designation on the sample tube and in the application form has to be identical.

The rabies antibody titration has to be performed by an authorized laboratory. A result of higher or equal to 0,5 IU/ml serum is assessed to indicate adequate protection against rabies and fulfils the requirements for import.

**Important‼! Sample Shipment** **Non EU-Countries**

VVD has an import permit (“**[Einfuhrgenehmigung”)](http://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb10/institute_klinikum/institute/virologie/dateien/Einfuhrgenehmigung_2017.pdf" \t "_self)** for serum samples from dogs and cats which are destined for rabies antibody titration in connection with the import and re-import of animals into the EU. Samples from non-EU-countries need an explicit declaration that will be checked at the import (use exact wording):

**"Non-infectious serum sample (dog or cat) for titration of rabies antibodies according to the EU regulation on movement of pet animals at an approved laboratory".**

In addition, the sample should be accompanied by a pro forma invoice. The pro forma invoice is required for customs clearance without further ado.

Finally our current sample submission form (“**[Antragsformular](https://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb10/institute_klinikum/institute/virologie/diagnostik/service-downloads/formulardownload" \o "" \t "_self)**„) must be attached, including all relevant information (kind and amount of sample material, name and address of the veterinarian and owner, microchip number and date of birth of the animal, data on the last rabies vaccination, signature and stamp of the authorized veterinarian).

When the shipment is inspected at the customs or veterinary border control, additional costs may arise. Please note that we are not able to cover these extra expenses. To ensure the import of your sample it has to be send as **DDP/DTP ('Delivered Duty Paid – choose option with the carrier).** If you fail to declare the shipment as mentioned above we reserve the right to reject the sample or charge an additional fee for the handling.

**Time frames:**

**EU countries – import from non listed third countries**

The time period between the last vaccination against rabies and the taking of the blood sample must be **at least 30 days**.

Once a titre of higher or equal to **0,5 IU/ml** is reached the animal is able to enter the country **3 months** after the date of blood sampling without quarantine if additional requirements are fulfilled. The period of three month does not apply for re-entry into the EU.

**Antibody titres lower then 0.5 IU/ml**

If the titre was less than 0,5 IU/ml, the animal has to be revaccinated and a new blood sample has to be taken (time frames indicated above will again apply).

After the necessary titre of higher or equal to 0,5 IU/ml is reached, no further blood tests are required in the following years if the animal is vaccinated regularly (according to the information of the vaccine manufacturer) against rabies.

**Assay procedure:**

The samples are tested using the FAVN (Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization) test according to the regulations of the international office for epizootic diseases (O.I.E.).

Upon receipt by our laboratory it usually takes about one week to process the sample (without mail). Certificates will only be sent to the responsible veterinarian.

**Cost:**

The price per sample is EUR 45.- incl. VAT[[1]](#footnote-1) – currently at 19%. The veterinarian who sent the sample will be invoiced for the test unless indicated otherwise.

Payment is possible in advance (in cash together with the sample) or after receiving an invoice via bank transfer. Payment by credit card can unfortunately not be accepted. Money transfer within the EU: Please indicate **IBAN** (international bank account number) and **BIC** (bank identifier code). When transferring Money from non-EU countries please note that you have to cover all bank fees which may be incurred (e.g. all transfer fees, exchange rate fees etc.).

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the numbers listed below if you have any further question: Tel: + 0049 – 641 99 38363 (VIRO VET DIAGNOSTIC)

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| Antrag auf Tollwut-Antikörperbestimmung für Hunde und Katzen zwecks Einreise  *Application form for rabies antibody testing in dogs and cats for import* | | | | | | |
| (Wieder-) Einreise in die EU  Andere  *(re-) import into EC others* (z.B. Australien, Japan, Taiwan, Hawaii)  **Impfkontrolle** (nicht zu Reisezwecken) / V*accination* *control (not for travel purpose)*  Bitte vollständig und in Druckschrift ausfüllen. *Please complete in block capitals.* | | | | | | |
| **Einsender (Tierärztin/-arzt) s*ender veterinarian)*** | | | | **Besitzer *Owner*** | | |
| Name:  *Name:*  Adresse/Land:  *Address/Country:* | | | | Name:  *Name:*  Adresse/Land:  *Address/Country:* | | |
| **Tier *Animal*** | | | | | | |
| Hund / *Dog* Name: Geburtsdatum:  TT / MM / JJJJ  Katze / Cat Name: Date of birth:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   **Identifikation\* *Identification\*:***  \* \*Eine Kennzeichnung des Tieres (Mikrochip) ist zwingend erforderlich. \**Animals have to be identified unmistakably (microchip).* | | | | | | |
| **Angaben zur Tollwutimpfung / *History of rabies vaccination*** Impfstoff / Chargennummer / Tag der Impfung:Vaccine / Batch number / Date of administration:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | TT / MM / JJJJ | | | | | | | **Datum der Blutentnahme:**  *Date of collection of the blood sample:*  TT / MM / JJJJ |
| **Befund / Rechnung *Test report / invoice*** | | | | | | |
| Befund an Besitzer *test result to pet owner*  Fax-Nr bzw. E-mail *fax-No or e-mail* | | Befund auch als FAX:  T*est result as FAX also:*  oder / or | | | Befund auch als E-Mail T*est result as e-mail also:* | |
| Rechnung an Besitzer (nur mit Unterschrift)  Unterschrift Besitzer */ Signature of pet owner*  *invoice to pet owner (only if signed)* | | | | | | |
| Hiermit beauftrage ich die Tollwut-Antikörperbestimmung und bestätige die Richtigkeit der oben gemachten Angaben*.*  *I hereby order titration of antibodies against rabies virus and confirm the correctness of the details given above.* | **Unterschrift und Stempel Tierärztin bzw. Tierarzt**  Signature and stamp of veterinarian | | | | | |
| **Bitte Probenröhrchen eindeutig beschriften. / *Please label sample tube unequivocally.***  **Gültig nur mit Unterschrift und Stempel / *valid only if signed and stamped*** | | | | | | |
| Es wird darauf hingewiesen, dass ihre personenbezogenen Daten für die Auftragsabwicklung und für Abrechnungszwecke erfasst, gespeichert und verarbeitet werden. Nähere Hinweise zu unserer Datenschutzrichtlinie finden sie unter: <http://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb10/institute_klinikum/institute/virologie/diagnostik>  Please note that your personal data will be collected, stored and processed for order processing billing purposes. For more information about our privacy policy, please see: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/faculties/f10/departments/departments/virology/diagnostic-laboratory/the-diagnostic-lab/data-protection-directive> | | | | | | |

1. Please note: customers from EU countries can be invoiced w/o VAT after supplying their VAT registration code; customers from non EU countries will generally receive invoices excluding VAT [↑](#footnote-ref-1)