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Discontinuation of Weekend Rabies Testing

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory will discontinue routine Saturday testing of suspected rabies specimens effective July 1, 2010. Rabies testing will be performed only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. Please refer to <http://oa.mo.gov/pers/hoursofwork.htm> for a list of Missouri state holidays.

Submitters should continue to ship specimens via the laboratory courier system. Information regarding the courier system is available online at <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Lab/>. Samples arriving at the laboratory on a Saturday or on a holiday will be refrigerated upon arrival at the laboratory and tested the next working day.

If emergency testing is requested, please contact the Office of Veterinary Public Health at 573-526-4780 or the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory at 573-751-3334. After business hours, requests for emergency testing can be made to the Department of Health and Senior Services' Department Situation Room at 800-392-0272.

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