



**This fridge is for Public Health use only,  
specimen stored should be limited to:**

- Rabies specimens
- Birds for West Nile virus testing
- Specimens for other animal disease situations investigated by Public Health

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### **Specimen checklist**

Before a rabies specimen is placed in this fridge, please check the following:

- Is the specimen ready for pick-up?
  - Decapitated (except bats)
  - Wrapped in absorbent paper
  - No blood visible through bag
  - Double bagged
- Is the fridge at appropriate temperature?
- Is a full copy of the bite/bat report attached?
- Has VPH been notified that specimen is ready to go?

**Thank you!**

For any questions about rabies specimen preparation, please contact us at:

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