ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
      Directors of Health Protection
      Communicable Disease Environmental Health Officers
      Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
      Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Revisions to BC Rabies Guidance for Veterinarians

Updated information and clarification is provided for veterinarians on risk assessment and management of rabies exposures in domestic animals.

Updated information provided about submitting specimens to the Rabies Laboratory, Canadian Food Inspection Agency including access to weekend testing, new contact information for the labs in Lethbridge and Ottawa, and added clarification on sample submission.

These guidelines are posted at: http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/rabies

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