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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: <u>http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/rabies</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (778) 677-7790 or at erin.fraser@bccdc.ca







Sincerely,

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