

Low-cost Rabies Titer Testing via the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

Titer testing for rabies is quite expensive if done by the labs that most veterinarians use. However, the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab offers the test at a very low-cost. The tests meet all professional standards:

“The Rabies Laboratory is one of the highest volume rabies serology centers in the world for both humans and animals handling over 100,000 samples each year. The lab has extensive experience in measuring rabies antibodies by the Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization (FAVN) test and Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test (RFFIT) and Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).” *(from the website at <http://www.ksvdl.org/>)*

To order rabies titers from the lab, a veterinary office must first establish an account, which can be done via this link:

<https://www.vet.k-state.edu/asp/forms/ksvdl/New-Client-Register/>

The veterinarian’s office will receive a reply via E-mail when the account is established, along with a “Client Account Number.”

Once the account is established, requests for rabies titers can be made by completing this form online:

<https://www.vet.k-state.edu/asp/forms/ksvdl/Core-Vaccine-Titer/>

Press “Submit” after filling out the form. A reply from KSDL will be sent via E-mail with further instructions and a free UPS shipping label.

Here is a YouTube video describing the titer ordering procedure:

<https://ksvdl.org/resources/videos/core-vaccine.html>

To prepare the sample for submission: Draw 2-3 cc’s of whole blood and spin in a serum separator tube for 10 minutes. Leave it in the serum separator tube.

Pricing (\$47 - \$84) details at this url: <https://vetview2.vet.k-state.edu/LabPortal/catalog/list?CatalogSearch=&lab=2>

