



Instructions for packaging of animals for rabies diagnosis:

General rules:

- Send animals as soon as possible. Send the entire animal or only the head, don't freeze before.
- Animals have to be packaged in a way to prevent the release of liquids and odor emission during the transport, i.e. **3 layers principle of packaging**:
 1. Put the animal carcass in a **leak-proof bag** (e.g. bin bag or stronger plastic bag) and tie it up well. If there are several carcasses, put each one in a separate bag and label each of them clearly.
 2. Cushion a **second leak-proof bag** with some **absorbent material** (e.g. tissues, paper towel) and put the first bag in it. Also tie up well the second bag.
 3. For the outer layer use a **rigid package** (e.g. either a special, firmly closable/ leak-proof plastic receptacle or a carton package well cushioned with absorbent material, DO NOT USE: mail envelope !). Fill in the **request form** individually for each animal and put it between the secondary container and the outer package. Do not place the request form to the carcass!
 4. Mark the package with the label **UN 3373** „biological substance, category B“ for diagnostic material below. Send the package by **express-mail** (shipping by A-Post can take 2-3 days!).

