

**University of Notre Dame Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
Policy for Rabies Prophylaxis and Testing for Individuals Working with Wildlife**

**Rabies Vaccination Declination (Mandatory)**

I understand that due to my potential occupational exposure to wildlife, including bats, raccoons, skunks, or other species at risk for having rabies, or rabies virus in the laboratory, I may be at risk of acquiring rabies virus infection. I have read the 'Policy for Rabies Prophylaxis and Testing for Individuals Working with Wildlife' and am aware of the risks of non-vaccination and benefits of prophylaxis for rabies. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with a Rabies vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline the Rabies vaccine at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at a greater risk of contracting the Rabies virus through my occupational exposure in the laboratory, or to wildlife, including bats, raccoons, skunks, or other species at risk for having rabies and that this is a serious, often fatal disease. If, in the future, I continue to have this potential exposure to wildlife, including bats, raccoons, skunks, or other species at risk for having rabies and I want to be vaccinated with the Rabies vaccine, I may receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.

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