

Case definition of animal rabies

- **Clinical case definition** – rabies cannot be confirmed clinically

An animal that presents with (any of) the following signs can be suspected of having rabies.

- Hyper-salivation, Paralysis, Lethargy, Unprovoked abnormal aggression (e.g. unprovoked biting two or more people and/or animals and/or inanimate objects), Abnormal behaviour (e.g. diurnal activity of nocturnal species).

1. Suspected case of rabies

A case that is compatible with a clinical case definition of animal rabies.

2. Probable case of rabies

A suspected case with a reliable history of contact with a suspected, probable or confirmed rabid animal and/or an animal with suspected rabies that is killed, died or disappeared within 5 days of illness being observed.

3. Confirmed case of rabies

A suspected or probable case that is confirmed in a laboratory.

4. Not a case of rabies

A suspected or probable case that is ruled out by laboratory tests or epidemiological investigation (i.e. after subjected to appropriate quarantine period of eligible animals).