Sample Submission Cheat Sheet

Contacts:

Please notify Justin Bergeron, DVM at the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ME DACF). We can advise you on how to store the sample and other considerations. All cervids over 12 months of age are candidates for CWD surveillance testing.

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TIPS:

As soon as the animal has died, the tissues to be tested for CWD begin to break down. To help preserve the quality of the sample we will collect, you must store the animal or parts in a cool (refrigerator temperature) environment.

If the whole animal cannot be properly stored or is no longer available, you can remove the head along with the first two vertebrae for storage. Please keep identification tags with the head.

Share this information with others who assist with animal care at your farm or CLGSA. Timely notification to the department that you have a sample to submit allows us to organize collection and maximizes sample quality.

There is no fee for submitting your samples for CWD surveillance.