PHLIS Rabies

Transmission File Structure

The transmission protocol calls for the required rabies data to be transmitted via an ASCII file using the csv (comma separated values) file structure. A value enclosed within double quotes is optional; however, any value that contains a comma must be enclosed in double quotes. The data dictionary defined below describes the file and the corresponding values expected by the receiving application at the CDC. The column name may not be the exact variable in your database but provides a description to help place your corresponding variable into the right location. Should you require assistance please contact the rabies surveillance coordinator at 404-639-1050 or email at (asi5@cdc.gov).

Variable	Type	Length	Description	Accepted Values
Site ID	Character	10	Site ID assigned by CDC	RAB+Site Code+Number : RABWV01
Animal ID	Character	20	Unique ID for animal tested	Accession number / isolate identification number
Date Collected	Date	10	Date animal collected	(mm/dd/yyyy) : 12/19/2007
Species	Character	20	Type of animal	Animal Species group : e.g. Fox, Bat, Raccoon
Species ID	Character	25	Species identification of animal	Additional species identification : e.g. Red, E. fuscus
Sex	Character	6	Sex of animal	e.g. M, F, Male, Female
Age	Character	8	Age category of animal	e.g. J, A, Juvenile, Adult
Vaccination Status	Character	7	Was animal vaccinated	e.g. Y, N, Unknown
Surveillance Method	Character	20	Surveillance method of collection	e.g. Public Health, Enhanced, Road kill
Human Exposure	Character	7	Was human exposed	e.g. Y, N, Yes, No, 1, 3
Animal Exposure	Character	7	Was domestic animal exposed	e.g. Y, N, Yes, No, 1, 3
Latitude	Numeric	11	Latitude of animal collection	Decimal degree format : e.g. 32.123456
Longitude	Numeric	11	Longitude of animal collection	Decimal degree format : e.g. -84.123456
Address	Character	35	Address of animal collection	Street Address
City	Character	30	City of animal collection	City
County	Character	30	County of animal collection	County
State	Character	2	State of animal collection	State Abbreviation : e.g. GA, WV, CA
ZIP Code	Character	9	Zip Code of animal collection	Zip Code or Zip Code + 4 : e.g. 30333 or 30333-4018
DFA Result	Character	13	Result of DFA test	e.g. P, N, Positive, Negative
Date DFA	Date	10	Date DFA performed	(mm/dd/yyyy)
DRIT Result	Character	13	Result of DRIT test if performed	e.g. P, N, I, Positive, Negative, Indeterminate
Date DRIT	Date	10	Date DRIT performed	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Variant	Character	40	Virus Variant if positive	e.g. Raccoon, North Central Skunk, SC Skunk, Bat
Date MAb	Date	10	Date antigenic typing performed	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Date Sequenced	Date	10	Date sequenced if done	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Comments	Character	66	Comments	Comments

*Note: Bold variables are required. You may not have all the variables described above. You may leave them Blank or Null, but they must have a position in the transmitted file. Either two double quotes "" or no value must be between the commas. e.g. "RABCDC01","CD001","12/19/2007","Raccoon","",,,,,"Road kill",,,,,"123 street st","anywhere",……

Example

"RABCDC01","CDC01152007","01/15/2007","Fox","Red","M","J","8","U","Road kill","Y","N","32.123456","-84.123456","123 Street St","Anywhere","Fulton","GA","30333","Positive","01/16/2007","","","Raccoon","01/17/2007","01/18/2007","found with quills in face"

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