

Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory Service in Thailand

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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide accurate rapid rabies diagnostic service for U.S. military units in Southeast Asia and in the Western Pacific.

**DESCRIPTION:** The laboratory utilizes the fluorescent antibody test and mouse inoculation on all cases received. All reports are made via telephone and are followed by written confirmation.

**PROGRESS:** During the period 1 April 72 to 31 March 73 brain specimens of 1016 animals were received for rabies examination (Table 1). The dog continues to be the most frequently infected species in Thailand. The percentage of positive cases of canine rabies is essentially the same as it has been in previous years of this laboratory operation.

Table 1  
 Summary of Rabies Diagnoses 1 April 1972 — 31 March 1973

Species Examined	Number Examined	Number Positive	% Positive
Canine	787	394	50.1
Feline	132	24	18.2
Rodent	41	0	0.0
Nonhuman Primate	18	0	0.0
Bat	11	1	9.9
Rabbit	9	0	0.0
Human	6	3	50.0
Equine	5	0	0.0
Mongoose	2	0	0.0
Porcine	1	1	100.0
Bovine	1	1	100.0
Ovine	1	0	0.0
Civet	1	0	0.0
Otter	1	0	0.0
Total	<u>1016</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>41.7</u>