

**Animal Rabies in Thailand: Rabies Diagnostic  
Laboratory Services**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide rabies diagnostic services to U.S. military personnel in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

**DESCRIPTION:** Every brain submitted to this laboratory was examined by both the fluorescent antibody test and by mouse inoculation. Agreement between the two tests was 99.87%.

**PROGRESS:** Of 758 brain specimens examined, 253 (33.4%) were positive (Table 1). The prevalence of rabies in the dog (42.2%) and in the cat (11.5%) was slightly less than in recent years.

Table 1. Summary of Rabies Diagnoses—1 April 1974—31 March 1975

Species	Number of Specimens	Number Positive	Percent Positive
Canine	555	234	42.2
Feline	122	14	11.5
Human	2	2	100.0
Rodent	24	2 (a)	8.3
Primate	21	1 (b)	4.8
Rabbit	11	0	0
Bat	10	0	0
Squirrel	5	0	0
Other (c)	8	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>33.4</b>

- (a) Two rats from the Republic of the Philippines  
 (b) Pet gibbon from Nakorn Panom  
 (c) 3 civets, 1 goat, 1 mole, and 3 guinea pigs