

NRMP Target Species and MIS Target

What do they mean and how do I use them on the rabies datasheet?

NRMP Target Species

NRMP Target Species are:

BOBCATS
COYOTES
FOXES, GRAY
FOXES, RED
RACCOONS
SKUNKS, HOG-NOSED
SKUNKS, HOODED
SKUNKS, SPOTTED
SKUNKS, STRIPED

You should be sampling any of these species you trap or collect for surveillance. When you have one of these species above, the NRMP Target Species field in MIS (TARGETSPECIES) should be YES.

You may have TARGETSPECIES=YES when an animal other than the species listed above exists, but only in unique situations where the NRMP deems them a target (e.g., opossum ecology work in Vermont, bats in Arizona, mongoose in Puerto Rico, etc.). Do not use TARGETSPECIES=YES outside of the species listed above without permission from the NRMP.

MIS Target

This field is tied directly to the intentional and unintentional options on the “regular MIS” take window and results in how an animal appears on our WS Program Data Reports (PDRs).

When NRMP Target Species is yes, the MIS Target (MISTARGET) must be INTENTIONAL. However, when NRMP Target Species is no, MIS Target may be INTENTIONAL or UNINTENTIONAL. It should usually be UNINTENTIONAL, but if you killed or sampled the animal, it should be INTENTIONAL.

Examples

Example 1: you catch a woodchuck but euthanize it because the landowner asked you to. This would be TARGETSPECIES=NO, MISTARGET=INTENTIONAL because you did not target the woodchuck for rabies work, but you did kill it on purpose (intentionally).

Example 2: you catch a squirrel and find it dead in the trap. This would be TARGETSPECIES=NO, MISTARGET=UNINTENTIONAL because you did not target the squirrel for rabies work, and you did not kill it intentionally.

Example 3: a cooperator submits a road kill cat and puts it in a WS freezer; you sample the brainstem and test it for rabies (DRIT or health dept). This would be TARGETSPECIES=NO, MISTARGET=INTENTIONAL because it is not an NRMP target species, but you intentionally sampled it.

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