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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-12  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
A positive direct fluorescent antibody test (preferably performed on central nervous system tissue)  
Isolation of rabies virus (in cell culture or in a laboratory animal)  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that is laboratory confirmed.  
Comments  
The 1997 case definition appearing on this page was originally published in the 1990  
MMWR  
and re-published in the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-12.  
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Thus, the 1990, 1997, and 2010 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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