



Rabbit Livers Needed to Track the Potential Spread of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV-2) is a serious disease spreading across the U.S. It was recently found in a group of feral domestic rabbits in Greenville County, South Carolina. To track the potential spread of the disease, wildlife biologists request:

- If you harvest a rabbit in Henderson or Transylvania counties, or a surrounding county, please consider removing and immediately freezing its liver (see image below for location of liver) in a bag labeled with your name, contact information, date and harvest location using GPS coordinates. To report your collection for pickup, call the NC Wildlife Helpline, 866-318-2401, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; or [email](#) after hours and weekends.
- If you find one or more dead rabbits where cause of death is not readily apparent, contact the Helpline and our trained staff will explain how to store the animal for biologist retrieval.

