



# Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

## **What is rabbit hemorrhagic disease?**

As noted in the [USDA factsheet regarding the disease](#), rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHD) is a highly contagious and fatal foreign animal disease found in rabbits. Details on symptoms and spread are included in the factsheet.

## **Where has rabbit hemorrhagic disease been found?**

In 2021 RHD was found in wild jackrabbits in south Ada county. USDA maintains a [map of cases nationally](#).

## **What can I do to prevent rabbit hemorrhagic disease in my animals?**

Good [biosecurity](#) habits are essential to the prevention of any disease. In addition to the ISDA's biosecurity information, USDA has [recommendations specific to RHD](#).

## **Can I vaccinate my animals against rabbit hemorrhagic disease?**

Any vaccination requests should go directly to your local veterinarian. Veterinarians interested in importing the vaccine to the U.S. should contact ISDA.

## **What should I do if I have a rabbit die or find wild rabbit carcasses?**

If you are concerned about an animal you own which has died, contact your veterinarian right away. If you have found/seen wild rabbits which have died, notify the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Health Lab at [\(208\) 939-9171](tel:2089399171).

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease is a [reportable disease](#) in Idaho.

If you have a question that is not covered here, please visit the [USDA Risk Identification information on RHD](#) or contact Animal Industries by [email](#) or phone at [\(208\) 332-8540](tel:2083328540).

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