



 DEPARTMENT OF
**Agriculture
Conservation
& Forestry**

Rabbit Exhibition

GUIDELINES

Biosecurity Recommendations

- Have all veterinary recommended and event required vaccines, deworming and official certificates of veterinary inspection completed and documents readily available for review.
- Limit visitors to your colony and avoid visits to facilities that house rabbits or other colonies.
- Wear designated clothing/footwear when caring for your rabbits at your facility to prevent introducing germs from outside your facility.
 - Clean and disinfect protective boots and clothing regularly.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment, including cages prior to, during and after the event.
- Practice good pest control. Rodents and birds can bring outside diseases in.
- Practice good facility hygiene and clean up spills and clutter.
- Quarantine animals that have been exhibited from animals that stayed home for 14 days to make sure they are healthy before returning them to the main group.

REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY RABBITS CAN BE EXHIBITED. IF ANY RABBITS IN THE COLONY ARE SICK, DO NOT ATTEND THE EXHIBITION EVENT.

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RHD GUIDELINES



Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHDV-2) has been identified in the southern and western regions of the United States.

The State Veterinarian, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF), recommends vaccinating rabbits against RHDV-2 by your veterinarian.

Learn about the RHDV-2
Vaccine

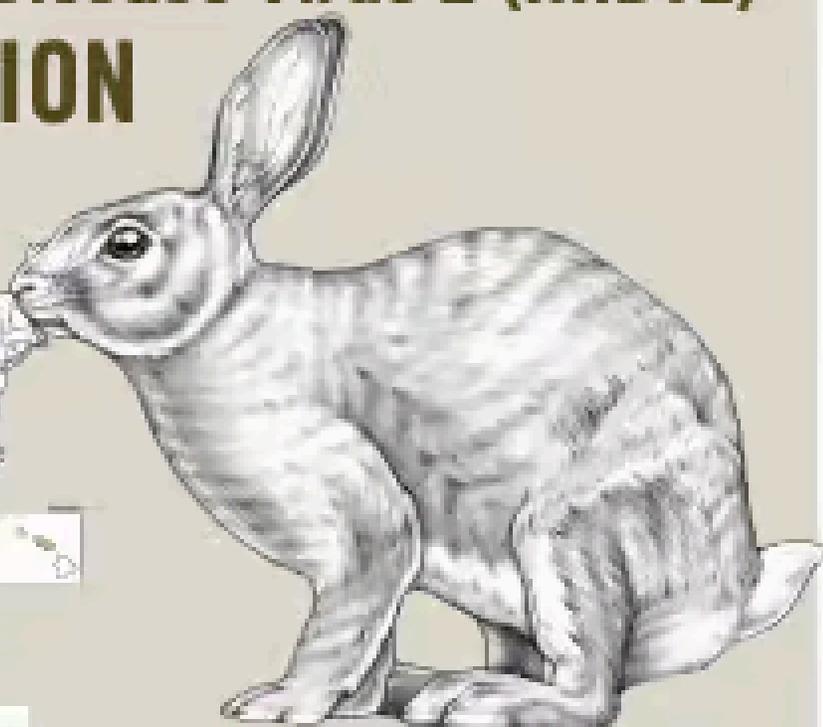
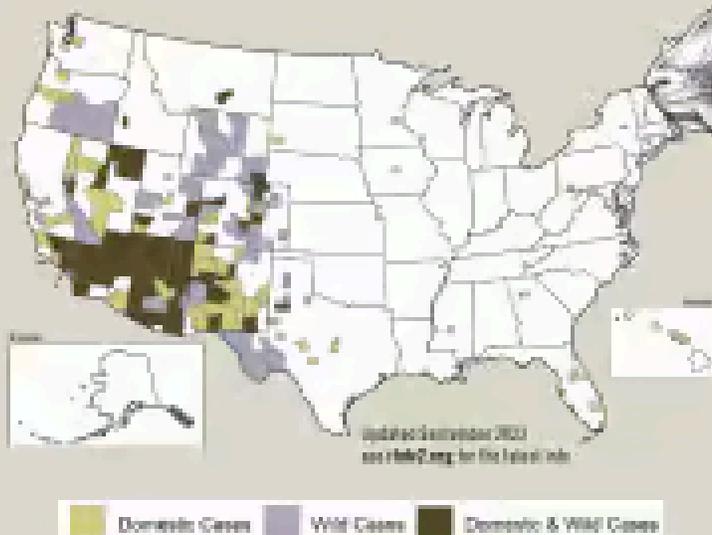


Learn about RHDV-2



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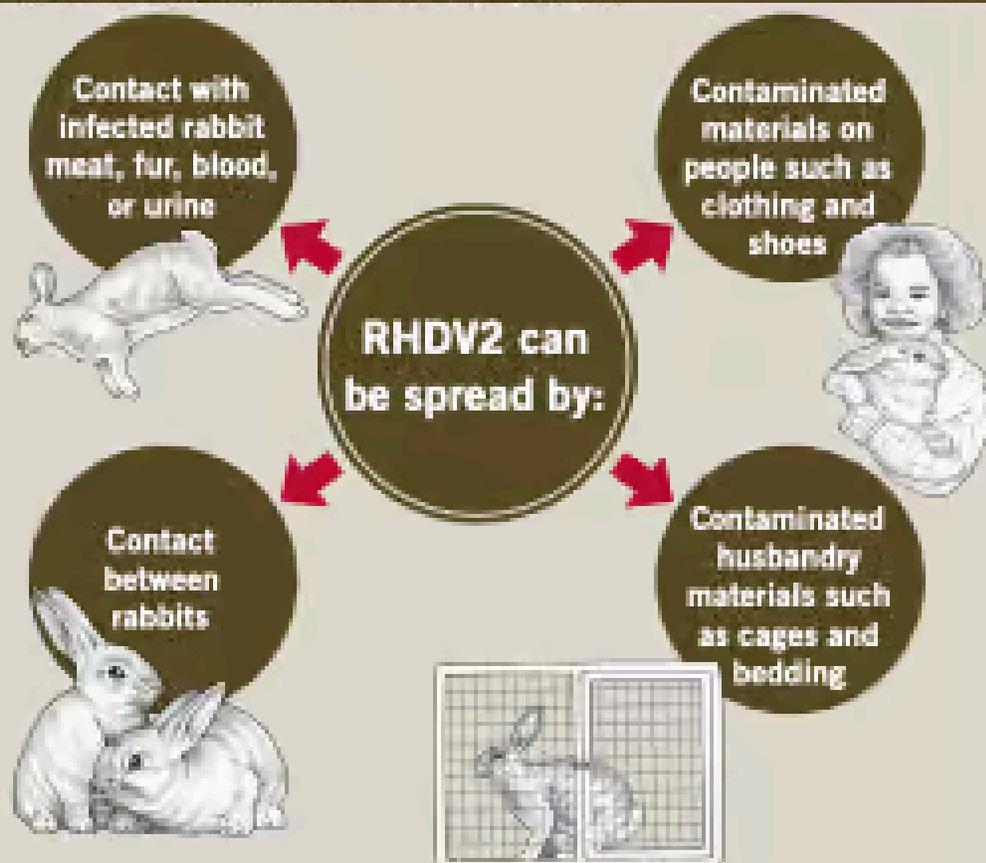
BASIC INFORMATION



RHDV2 can spread through wildlife populations. However, the greatest risk of RHDV2 spreading to new areas is from people moving infected rabbits and contaminated materials.

What is RHDV2?

- ▶ RHDV2 is a highly contagious virus that infects wild and domestic rabbits and hares.
- ▶ RHDV2 kills up to 80% of infected rabbits.
- ▶ Visible signs are rare, but infected animals may have blood-stained nose or mouth.
- ▶ The virus can survive extreme conditions, such as freezing temperatures or hot, dry environments.
- ▶ The virus can survive outside of a rabbit on contaminated materials.
- ▶ RHDV2 will not impact human health or the health of your dogs



For full details and expert advice on mitigating RHDV2, visit rhdv2.org