

Did you know that the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene is the only facility authorized by the State of Wisconsin to test for rabies?



Jim Powell analyzes animal specimens for the presence of rabies.

Last year, the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene examined 1,578 animals involved in biting incidents or other possible exposures to this deadly virus. Only 13 of them were positive. Thanks to the accurate and timely analyses provided by Jim and the other scientists at the lab, in concert with other state and local public health agencies, most victims were able to avoid unnecessary treatment. Those few who were exposed to rabid animals were successfully treated. In fact, the last human fatality from rabies in Wisconsin was over 40 years ago.

When Jim leaves the laboratory, he goes home to his wife Christine and son Nathan in Waunakee.

Support the professional scientists who work at Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. They're *your* friends, *your* neighbors, and they work hard for *you*.

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