

MUSKRAT STUDY



Do you trap muskrats? The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is collecting muskrat carcasses to examine pathogens and toxicants that may affect muskrat health and population abundance. If you are interested in participating in this study, please see details below for collecting carcasses.



- Muskrat carcasses may be skinned or unskinned but must be frozen within 24 hours of harvest and include the entire body and head.
- Trappers will need to keep carcasses frozen until KDFWR staff can coordinate pickup.
- A carcass tag enclosed in a Ziplock bag must be attached to each muskrat carcass.
- Trappers can print carcass tags from fw.ky.gov, write the information on a piece of paper, or request carcass tags to be mailed by emailing wildlifehealth@ky.gov.
- Email wildlifehealth@ky.gov to coordinate carcass pickup.