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The Virginia Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Wildlife Resources have asked the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine to send out the following information:

A foreign animal disease known as rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus serotype 2 (RHDV2) has been confirmed in feral and household domestic rabbits in the United States, including Washington, New York, and Ohio. In March 2020, it was confirmed for the first time in wild rabbits in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Utah. This highly lethal calicivirus exhibits an incubation period of 1-5 days and may cause mortality in 80-100% of infected rabbits. For more information on this disease and to access a fact sheet developed specifically for pet rabbit owners and breeders which may be printed and distributed to interested parties, please [CLICK HERE](#).

If you suspect an RHDV2 infection, which is a reportable disease, please contact the State Veterinarian's office IMMEDIATELY at (804) 692-0601.

Please direct questions to the following:

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