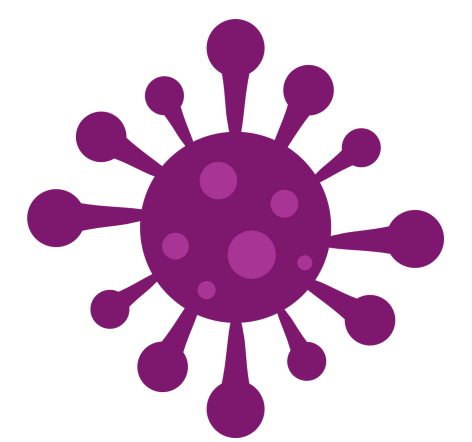


LEARN ABOUT RABBIT HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS (RHDV2)



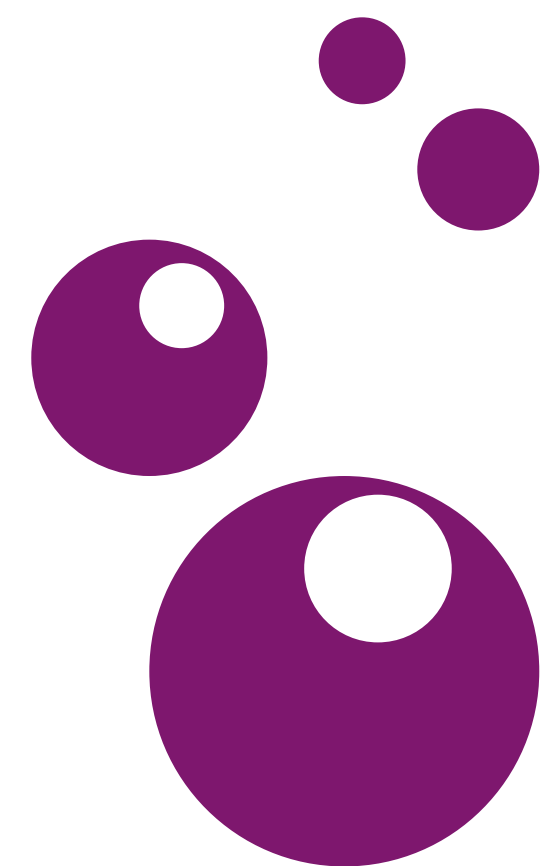
WHAT IS RHDV2?

- RHDV2 is a contagious, deadly virus of domestic and wild rabbits
- It does not cause disease in humans
- This virus is the cause of an ongoing outbreak of disease in domestic and wild rabbits in the Southwestern United States, with isolated cases reported in FL, GA and NY
- RHDV2 is passed in body fluids of sick rabbits. Contacting these fluids directly or through a contaminated environment spreads the virus
- Signs of RHDV2 infection are fever, lethargy, bleeding and death



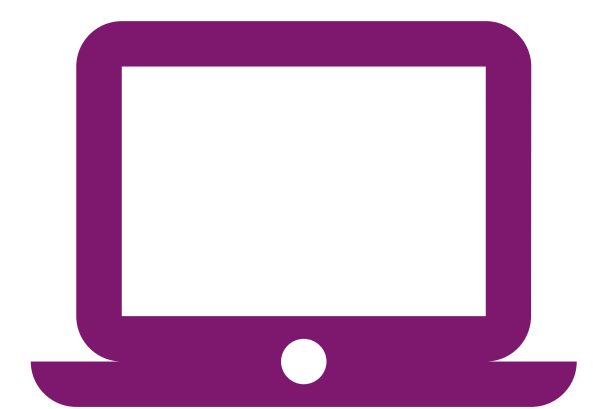
PREVENT RHDV2 TRANSMISSION

- **RHDV2 has not been diagnosed in any New England rabbit populations**
- Do not move sick or exposed rabbits (or any of their equipment) into Maine. This includes any sick rabbits and their equipment returning to Maine
- Keep all domestic rabbits housed separately from all wildlife or other pets that could harbor disease
- Isolate and monitor any new and returning rabbits for at least 2 weeks
- Practice handwashing and equipment sanitation after each contact with rabbits



STAY INFORMED ABOUT RHDV2

- Up to date information about this rabbit disease outbreak can be found on the USDA APHIS webpage. This includes a map of currently affected areas
- Information about effective biosecurity and sanitation measures can be found through USDA, UMaine Extension and DACF Animal Health



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Please contact your regular veterinarian if you have concerns about your rabbit's health
- To report suspected cases of RHDV2 in domestic rabbits, please contact Maine DACF at 207-287-3701
- To report unusual mortality events in wild rabbits, please contact Maine DIFW at 207-287-8000

