

# What is RHDV2?

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 **kills** rabbits in 3-9 days of being infected.



It is **HIGHLY** contagious and there is no treatment for the disease.

## What is the impact?

It is currently decimating rabbit populations in the southwest, disrupting the ecosystem, and is making its way east.

## Why is the virus such a threat?

It survives for up to 105 days in the environment and on objects, including carcasses.

## How do you report a case?

**IMMEDIATELY** report a sick or dead rabbit to Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC) at **(866) 293-9282**.

## How do you prevent transmission?

- Keep pet rabbits indoors.
- Wash hands, shoes, clothes, etc. before caring for rabbits.
- Sanitize outdoor gear.
- Hunters- wear gloves when field-dressing rabbits and bury remains deep on site.
- Falconers- do not fly birds on site with RHDV2 cases.
- Do not handle or consume meat from sick wildlife or let pets come into contact with or consume dead wildlife (dogs can unknowingly transmit).

## Want to know more?

The House Rabbit Society:  
[rabbit.org/rhdv/](http://rabbit.org/rhdv/)  
American Rabbit Breeders Association: [arba.net/rhdv2/](http://arba.net/rhdv2/),  
[arba.net/announcements/](http://arba.net/announcements/)

