



## Merial Temporarily Halts Rabies Vaccines Due To Manufacturing Defects

**The IMRAB rabies vaccine from Merial will be unavailable temporarily.**

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Merial reported on May 6, 2010, that IMRAB 3 and IMRAB 3 TF are once again available to veterinarians. The company said that it is working diligently with the USDA to bring other products in the IMRAB line back to full distribution as soon as possible.

Merial of Duluth, Georgia, recently reported that it has stopped releasing serials of IMRAB rabies vaccines due to manufacturing defects found in a small number of vials.

"These defects, which the company reported to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, were recently discovered as a result of Merial's quality control procedures," according to a company statement released at the end of April 2010. "Merial is working cooperatively with the USDA to remedy the issues and return to full supply as soon as possible."

Merial did not have a specific time frame as to how soon the vaccines would be available.

However, the company pointed out that the IMRAB vaccines previously released and now in the marketplace are safe and effective. Natasha Mahanes, spokeswoman for Merial, confirmed.

"This does not affect any vials currently on the market," she said.

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