



Animal Health Trust

Diagnostic Laboratory Services

Christmas and New Year Testing Schedule 2018/19



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We wish all our clients a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019

The Diagnostic Service will close its routine testing services for Christmas at 5.00pm on Friday 21st December 2018.

We are open 8.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Monday 31st December 2018.

We are closed Tuesday January 1st 2019 and our normal service will resume at 8.30am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

HAEMATOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

For results before Christmas please submit samples by 2.00pm on Friday 21st December. Samples received before 2.00pm on 27th, 28th and 31st December will be processed routinely.

PATHOLOGY

The on-call cover for equine post mortem cases will operate as usual via the out-of-hours Answering Service on 01223 849736 during the period that the AHT is closed.

HISTOLOGY

Fixed samples received by 3.00pm on 20th, 27th and 28th December will be reported routinely on the next working day. Fixed samples received between 21st and 10.00am on 24th December will be processed and reported on 27th December.

SEROLOGY

Tests for **EHV, ERV, Influenza** and **Adenovirus** will be set up Thursday 20th December at midday for results before Christmas and Thursday 27th December at midday for results before New Year. The first tests of the New Year will be set up on Thursday 3rd January at midday with results the next day.

EVA, EIA, Piroplasmosis and **Strangles ELISAs** will be set up daily at midday **except** 22nd to 26th December, 29th, 30th December and 1st January.

EVA VN test will be set up Tuesday 18th December at midday for results before Christmas. The next test will be set up Friday 28th December at midday for results before New Year. The first test of the New Year will be set up Friday 4th January at midday.

The last tests for **EIA** by **Coggins** will be set up Friday 21st December at 4.30pm for results before Christmas and Friday 28th December at 4.30pm for results before New Year.

All samples will be processed **as far as possible** on day of arrival.

VIRUS DETECTION & ISOLATION

EHV-1 & 4 and **Influenza qPCRs** will be set up daily at 12.30pm **except** 22nd to 26th December, 29th, 30th December and 1st January.

An additional **EHV-1 & 4** qPCR can also be set up for aborted fetuses on 24th December. Please contact us ASAP via the out-of-hours Answering Service on 01223 849736 for this service.

All samples will be processed **as far as possible** on day of arrival.

BACTERIOLOGY

Streptococcus equi qPCRs will be set up daily at 11.00am **except** 22nd to 26th December and 29th, 30th December and 1st January.

For a **CEM Certificate** to be issued before Christmas samples need to be received by 11.00am on Friday 21st December and by 11.00am on Saturday 29th December for a result before New Year.

All samples will be **processed (and reported) as far as possible** over the holiday period.

POSTAL DELIVERIES

Post will be opened and **processed as far as possible** on day of receipt.

EMERGENCIES (outside normal working hours)

Samples can be placed in our Sample box at the top of the steps outside the Laboratory block building at any time. Samples placed in here will be processed **as far as possible** over the holiday period. A technician can be contacted in an emergency via the out-of-hours Answering Service on 01223 849736. It may well be possible to set up **urgent tests** but an **additional fee** will be charged. The technician can contact a vet if required.