

Animal Health Trust Diagnostic Laboratory Services Christmas and New Year Testing Schedule 2017/18



The Diagnostic Service will close its routine testing services for Christmas at 12.30pm on Friday 22 December 2017.

We are open 8.30am to 5.30pm on Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 December 2017 and are closed on Monday 1 January 2018.

Normal service will resume at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

HAEMATOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

For results before Christmas, please submit samples by 10.00am on 22 December. Samples received before 2.00pm on 27 to 29 December will be processed routinely (same day result).

PATHOLOGY

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

HISTOLOGY

Fixed samples received by 10.00am on 21, 27 and 28 December will be processed and reported routinely. Fixed samples received on 22 and 29 December by 10.00am will be processed routinely and reported the next business day.

SEROLOGY

Tests for **EHV, ERV, Influenza** and **Adenovirus** will be set up Thursday 21 December at midday for results before Christmas and Thursday 28 December at midday for results before New Year. The first tests of the New Year will be set up on Tuesday 2 January with results the next day.

EVA, EIA, Piroplasmiasis and **Strangles ELISAs** will be set up daily at midday **except** 23 to 26 December, and 30 December to 1 January.

EVA VN test for positive horses will be set up Tuesday 19 December at midday for results before Christmas. The next tests will be set up Thursday 28 December and Friday 5 January at midday.

The last tests for **EIA** by **Coggins** will be set up Thursday 21 December at 4.30pm for results before Christmas and Thursday 28 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 and 4 and **Influenza qPCRs** will be set up daily at 12.30pm **except** 23 to 26 December and 30 December to 1 January.

Additional **EHV-1 and 4** qPCR's can also be set up if required for aborted fetuses on 24 and 31 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 midday **except** 23 to 26 December and 30 December to 1 January.

For a **CEM Certificate** to be issued before Christmas samples need to be received by midday on Friday 22 December and by midday on Friday 29 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.