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DATE: May 18, 2010
TO: Veterinarians and Equine Owners
FROM: Marcia Weld, Import Manager
SUBJECT: PIROPLASMOSIS TESTING INFORMATION

Testing for equine piroplasmosis is required **only for *T. equi*** (*Theileria equi*) using either the C-ELISA or the indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) test. Samples may be sent to one of the following USDA approved labs:

National Veterinary Services Laboratories - \$17 test fee

1920 Dayton Avenue, Ames, IA 50010
TEL: 515-337-7181 FAX: 515-337-6895

The required specimen is 2 ml of serum in a red top tube mailed overnight on an ice pack. Turn around time is three days and results may be obtained by fax or email if that request is clearly stated on the submission form.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/lab_info_services/

Print a submission form from here:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/lab_info_services/downloads/VS_Form10-4.pdf

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories – \$15 test fee instate; \$17 outstate

1 Sippel Rd, College Station, TX 77843 or 6610 Amarillo Blvd, West Amarillo, TX 79106
1-888-646-5623 1-888-646-5624

The required specimen is 1cc of clear serum for each test sample in a red top tube mailed overnight on an ice pack. Turn around time is two days. Testing is done on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and samples must be received before 11 a.m. on those days.

<http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/>

Print submission forms from here:

http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/services_offered/forms/index_forms.php

University of Kentucky Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center (LDDC) –

\$15 test fee instate, \$17 outstate
1490 Bull Lea Road, P.O. Box 14125, Lexington, KY 40512
1-859-253-0571 - Dr. Deborah Williams or Meg Steinman

www.lddc.uky.edu

Print submission form from here:

<http://www.lddc.uky.edu/documents/lddcnewaccessionform.pdf>

The required specimen is 1cc of clear serum for each test sample in a red top tube mailed overnight on an ice pack. Turn around time is two days. Testing is run on Mondays and Fridays only until further notice. Receiving on Saturday. Enter “Piroplasmosis, T. equi only” under “Other” in the Equine column on page 2 of the submission form.

Piroplasmosis test results may be written on the health certificate in a location reserved for testing results, or if none is available, may be written in the body of the health certificate along with the required statement (see Importation Requirements sheet). Piroplasmosis testing should include the date the blood was drawn, the laboratory used, and the results.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 517-335-5713 or email weldm@michigan.gov.