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Laboratory Work Update:

We are pleased to inform you that effective July 1, 2009; all regulatory animal health laboratories testing for WSDA will be performed by the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) at Washington State University (WSU). WSU's laboratory is accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and is a recognized national leader among livestock veterinary laboratories as a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network. Moving this service to WSU-WADDL is more cost effective, is the best use of limited resources, and will provides WSDA greater access to a wide range of laboratory testing. The partnering of WSDA with WSU-WADDL strategically combines the regulatory and outreach functions of WSDA with the infrastructure, internationally recognized quality standards, and veterinary diagnostician expertise of WADDL in order to better serve and protect Washington's livestock industry.

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The Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) was established by legislative mandate in 1974 and is the only fully accredited animal diagnostic laboratory serving the State of Washington. The WADDL mission is to provide accurate, state-of-the-art, timely, and cost-effective diagnostic services, consultation, disease surveillance and outreach in order to safeguard animal health, the food supply and public health for the state of Washington and the greater Pacific Northwest region. WADDL offers full service diagnostic laboratory services for livestock, pets, horses, poultry, fish, and wildlife. Advice and consultation are provided to practicing veterinarians, animal industry groups, state and federal regulatory officials, and physicians. Congruent with the WADDL mission the laboratory is an integral part and founding member of a network of tax-supported state diagnostic reference facilities throughout the U.S. dedicated to surveillance and detection of emerging and exotic diseases, whether introduced accidentally or deliberately, that could disrupt the nation's food supply and our region's international trade of agricultural animal products.

WADDL includes a main laboratory located on the Pullman campus, and the Avian Health Laboratory located on the campus of the Western Washington Regional Extension Center in Puyallup, Washington. WADDL provides essential laboratory services in bacteriology, molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, serology, toxicology (through the Analytical Sciences Laboratory, University of Idaho), and virology. The laboratory responds to requests from throughout the United States with emphasis on all 39 counties in Washington, most counties in Idaho and, to a lesser degree, all Pacific Northwest States as well as Alaska and Hawaii. Annual requests for all laboratory services total over 18,600 accessions, resulting in 344,000 laboratory examinations. In addition to providing service to the private sector, the laboratory services the WSU veterinary teaching hospital, university herds and flocks, WSU laboratory animal programs, and the Field Disease Investigation Unit (FDIU).

Fees: Current fees for WADDL services are available on line at:
http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts_waddl/fees.aspx

Sample Submission to WADDL

Shipment: The best method of shipment to the Laboratory is personal delivery by the owner or veterinarian. Specimens may also be submitted by bus, U. S. Mail, or by courier service. Avoid shipping packages over the holidays and weekends. Laboratory people are present during these periods, but the delivery services will not get the samples to the Laboratory.

Specimen Collection: Specimens that are properly collected and preserved are helpful in establishing a diagnosis when the animal cannot be presented to the Laboratory. Appropriate preservative include formalin fixation or coolant depending upon the type of laboratory testing desired. Careful selection of specimens representative of the suspected disease process is critical. It is better to err by submitting excessive samples rather than an insufficient number.

Accession Form: Complete a WADDL Accession Form for each diagnostic case submission in order to communicate appropriate animal clinical history, laboratory testing requested, names, and addresses of the veterinarian of record and animal owner. Include as much information as possible. No detail is insignificant. Be sure to indicate all treatments and vaccinations; also list impressions or suspected causes of the problem.

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Mailing: The United States Postal Service has stringent regulations pertaining to the shipment of biological products. Samples must be placed in a sealed, waterproof primary container. Primary containers are to be surrounded by absorbent material sufficient to take up all possible leakage. Primary containers must then be placed in sealed secondary containers. Screw-cap closures must be reinforced with tape. If you have questions concerning classifications of hazardous, restricted or perishable matter, contact your local United States Postal Service.

USPS packages should be addressed to:
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P.O. Box 647034
Pullman, WA 99164-7034

WSU-Avian Health
7613 Pioneer Way E.
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Courier Service: Current courier services to WADDL include Federal Express and United Parcel Service (UPS). WADDL offers discounted shipping through Federal Express. The rates for continental U.S. "standard overnight service" are \$10 for parcels 1-3 lbs in weight, and the actual WADDL discounted rate for parcels greater than 4 lbs. To take advantage of the contracted rates, please call WADDL for the account number to use on the bill of lading or air bill. Saturday deliveries are available; unfortunately, there is an additional \$10 charge. If you are a frequent user of WADDL, we can supply you with pre-printed mailing labels. Shipping containers may be obtained directly from Federal Express. You will be invoiced for freight costs with your regular case charges.

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