

Interest in New Proficiency Testing Schemes?

Dear Participant,

We are very committed to providing Proficiency Testing schemes to help testing laboratories provide the evidence they need to maintain or gain third party accreditation. As a result, we receive requests from participants for PT Schemes that are not currently available. We would like to know if you would be interested in any of the schemes shown below that have been requested by other participants and that we are considering making available? (Price yet to be determined)

Name:

Laboratory Code:

<i>Disease / Organism</i>	<i>Test Method</i>	<i>Sample Type</i>	<i>Interest (Yes/No)</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Schmallenberg	ELISA / PCR	Serum (Bovine, Ovine & Caprine)		
Equine Rhinopneumonitis (EHV 1 & 4)	Isolation & PCR	Simulated nasopharyngeal swab.		
Equine Influenza Virus	ELISA / PCR	Simulated nasopharyngeal swab.		
Equine β haemolytic streptococci (Streptococcus equi, zooepidemicus & equisimilis)	Culture & PCR	Pure or mixed cultures Simulated swab.		
Klebsiella pneumoniae	Capsule typing (PCR)	Cultures.		
Streptococcus equi equi	ELISA	Equine Serum		
Canine haematology	Automated counts	Whole blood		
Leishmania	IFAT	Serum		
Babesia gibsoni	IFAT	Serum		
<i>Updates to existing schemes</i>				
Equine Viral Arteritis	ELISA	Serum		
Toxoplasma	ELISA	Serum		

Accessing or obtaining suitable material for PT schemes is sometimes difficult, so if you are able provide material for any of these schemes we would be pleased to discuss further.

Please email your responses to Vetqas@apha.gsi.gov.uk or fax to +44 (0) 1509 670206

Thank you for your assistance and we hope to continue to be of service.

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