

AHL LabNote Number 52

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Equine infectious anemia (EIA) ELISA Testing at the AHL - Specimen submission requirements

AHL is one of the CFIA-approved laboratories for EIA testing in Canada:

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/accredited-veterinarian-s-manual/chapter-3/eng/1345233051622/1345233162747?chap=3

The AHL cannot accept submissions from owners – we must follow the CFIA Accredited Veterinarians Manual as directed:

Section 3.2.

The shipment of samples must never be entrusted to the animal owner or exporter.

The accredited veterinarian must be able to maintain a chain of custody for samples shipped to the laboratories. Samples to be shipped may be grouped at an intermediary location into a larger shipment provided that the samples are not opened and / or repackaged after leaving the accredited veterinarian possession.

As an alternative, AHL has several options for courier services if expedited sample submission is needed:

1) Local courier options

TODS - please contact AHL for details

2) Overnight courier options

Purolator courier – included in our fees using our return waybills – please contact us to order at ahlinfo@uoguelph.ca
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AHL must have written permission from the veterinarian to release results to anyone except the veterinarian or CFIA.

Fees for EIA testing are as follows -

EIA - \$16.80 CFIA fee recovery - \$2.00 Total cost for EIA - \$18.80 per sample

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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