



## \*\*\* Equine Infectious Anemia Testing\*\*\*

The NH Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (NHVDL) is a USDA-APHIS approved lab for EIA testing. The lab maintains this status through trainings, quality assurance, annual proficiency testing, and federal inspections, as defined in VSG 15201.1. The lab follows all state and federal reporting requirements for EIA and other regulatory diseases.

### Pricing (effective March 1, 2022)

AGID	\$8.00	(Next Day)
ELISA	\$ 20.00	(Same Day)

### Approved EIA Submission Forms

The following is a list of current VS approved official EIA test forms:

- **VS 10-11 version FEB 2018**
- **VS 10-11 version DEC 2020**
- VSPS electronic forms
- GVL (Global Vet Link) electronic forms

VS 10-11 forms are available by contacting your Federal Official in Uxbridge, MA: Phone: 508-363-2290, email: [vsma@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:vsma@aphis.usda.gov) or NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food office at (603) 271-2404.



### Recent EIA Updates

The new **VS 10-11 version DEC 2020** - this will be available when existing stocks of VS 10-11 version FEB 2018 have been exhausted.

- Clarifies the animal location as “Current Home Premises of Equine” (ranch, farm, stable or market) and must be a physical street address – for use in epidemiologic/trace-back investigations
- Clarifies the submitting veterinarians address as a mailing address
- Includes a new field, where the veterinarian must indicate in which state the sample was obtained.
- Creates separate fields for Tattoo, Microchip and Breed Registration where they shared a field before
- It moves the owner information to the left, as requested by veterinarians, in order to appear in a USPS window envelope.
- As always, brands should be described in the required Narrative Description and also be represented in any included line drawings.
- As before, ALL fields should be filled out, marked “NONE” or the field fully lined through. Nothing is to be left blank.

## Veterinarians must be Cat II Accredited

Laboratories can only accept samples from state authorized **Cat II Accredited veterinarians** and are required to verify their accreditation status.

- Your **National Accreditation Number** must be entered on your EIA submission form. **Note: The NAN is a federal number; do not use your state license number.**
- It is the veterinarian's responsibility to obtain/maintain CAT II Accredited status; use this link to check your status: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct\\_areavet](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_areavet) . Enter your National Accreditation Number (NAN) and your last name; it results with your Accreditation Status (current or expired), Category (I vs II), all the States where you are authorized and your renewal date.

## Filling out Forms

- Submission forms should be accurately completed at the time of submission. Any edits to the form once the specimen has been tested are limited to minor changes. **Forms cannot be edited after 30 days.** A new submission form and blood sample will be required.
- Please write legibly and include a tube number on both the tube and form. Make sure the names on tubes and forms are in agreement.
- Please remember to fill in the Date of Blood Draw and obtain the veterinarians signature so the sample can be processed.
- The location at time of blood draw is for the equine's usual residence (farm/stable), do **not** use temporary locations such as the veterinary practice.
- No field on the VS Form 10-11 may be left blank. If any field is "none," write "none" or line through.



### Information that is always required:

- Reason for Testing, Test Required, Date Blood Drawn.
- Addresses and phone numbers of veterinarian, equine location, equine owner.
- Veterinarian's National Accreditation Number (NAN)
- Veterinarian's written or official electronic signature
- Name of Animal (if has one)
- Color, Breed, Date of Birth, Sex
- Microchip, Breed Registration Number (if present)
- Narrative description should be completely filled out, regardless of the use of photographs or line drawings - include distinctive markings, unique and permanent forms of identification, when present: brands, tags, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, or whorls and blemishes. Line drawings or photographs are valuable and recommended to help accurately identify equines.

Complete instructions for filling out the VS 10-11 are available on the back of the paper form and also available online at: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/eia/downloads/vs\\_form10-11\\_inst.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/eia/downloads/vs_form10-11_inst.pdf)

## Important Reminders

- Please ensure all information on the form is correct. Double check owner names, sex (M vs G), etc. so as to avoid having to request a correction. If you do find you need to correct something after results have been issued, there is only a 30 day window and all copies of the paper form have to be re-collected and brought back to the lab for update or a new sample and form need to be submitted.
- Any non-negative (e.g., positive, discrepant, suspect) samples must be confirmed by NVSL. Please plan accordingly; non-negative results are to be expected on rare occasion, which could delay the reporting of final results to your owners. If the animal has critical movement or entry requirements for an EIA test you should build extra time.
- Each equine entering NH is required to have a valid negative Coggins test completed within the last 12 months. The state recommends a negative test for every equine participating in an exhibition and a current negative Coggins test is a routine part of equine pre-purchase exams.
- Samples should be kept cool, non hemolyzed, and submitted promptly. No sample over 30 days will be tested. Samples which are severely hemolyzed, or of poor quality, may not be suitable for testing and a new sample may be required. For better serum quality, blood should be centrifuged prior to submission.

## Digital EIA forms

- For information on setting up an account with GlobalVetLink visit their website at: <https://www.globalvetlink.com/eia/>
- For information about the USDA VSPS digital EIA form visit their website at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/vsps>
- **Digital photographs** should be of high quality, sharp focus, adequate lighting, and proper perspective. They should include all 3 views including frontal, left side and right side. All body parts should be visible and no part covered or obscured. (No blankets)

We've provided our clients these updates and reminders so they can keep abreast of regulatory changes. We've tried to highlight the critical components and areas where we find reminders helpful. This is not an exhaustive list. If you have any questions, please contact the lab (603) 862-2726 or our regional VS office (508) 363-2290.



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