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## **In this issue:**

### **GENERAL**

We now offer a **PCR test for pathogenic leptospires** in canine urine

The 2000 **AHL Fee Schedule** remains in effect

**Clostridium perfringens genotyping** is now available at the AHL via a PCR system

We continue to maintain our **foreign animal disease preparedness**

**West Nile virus surveillance** will focus on corvids in Ontario this year

**Congenital goiter** occurred in livestock and horses

### **CATTLE**

**New AHL mastitis forms** are included with this Newsletter for food-animal practices

Although unusual, **VTEC** is associated with occasional cases of diarrhea and colitis in calves

**BVD** continues to be a problem in young calves

### **POULTRY**

**Cellulitis** is a leading cause of condemnations of both chickens and turkeys

### **SWINE**

We are now offering a **TGEV immunoperoxidase** test

We have had an apparent **increase in TGE** diagnoses this past winter

**Mycoplasma hyosynoviae** can cause significant losses due to arthritis

### **SMALL RUMINANTS**

**Ontario goat disease summary**, 2000-2001

## **HORSES**

**Endometrial biopsy** is a useful diagnostic tool in problem mares

## **COMPANION ANIMALS**

Useful results start with good samples - **how to bleed pet birds properly**

## **AHL PEOPLE**

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### **Animal Health Laboratory Accreditations:**

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) - *lab system*

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) - *EIA*

Canadian Association of Environmental Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL) - *metals*

ISO 9002 registered - *toxicology*

Thyroid Registry of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Inc. (OFA) - *thyroid function*

## What our clients said:

From our **annual client service questionnaire** sent to 49 randomly chosen clients last fall, we received 23 (47%) replies.

Of those who replied:

- 70% had read the September 2000 AHL Newsletter, and
- almost 90% of these readers found information in the Newsletter that was of use to them.

*Your comments on topics that would be of interest to you are always welcome.*

To our **questionnaire about Email** sent with the December AHL Newsletter, we've received 21 replies from clients who would like to receive announcements and/or lab results from the AHL by Email. We are currently investigating the various options for Email attachments.