

**ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY****GUELPH****KEMPTVILLE****Volume 5, Issue 3**

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**GENERAL**

The AHL is now **ISO 9002 registered!**

Please help us help you by **packing samples carefully**

We will be adding **an AHL carcass disposal fee** to invoices effective October 1

We now offer a series of **mini-profiles** in clinical pathology

The Health of Animals Act **reportable disease list** has been updated

CFIA has a new **1-800 phone number for reporting suspected foreign animal diseases** 24 hrs/day

We are now better able to **report cruelty to animal cases**

**CATTLE**

**Accidental ingestion of sulfur** caused rumenitis and unusual hepatic necrosis

**POULTRY**

We are now offering a **new molecular test** for detection and genotyping of infectious bronchitis virus (**IBV**)

**Overheated PTFE** is a potential cause of sudden death in poultry

**SWINE**

**Haemophilus parasuis** causes septicemia, sudden death, pneumonia, and polyserositis/arthritis in pigs of all ages

**SMALL RUMINANTS**

Current **respiratory disease outbreaks** in lambs and kids appear to be of viral origin

**HORSES**

**West Nile virus infection** is now a primary rule-out for encephalitis in horses

A **botulism outbreak** occurred in a large group of horses fed baylage

## COMPANION ANIMALS

Canadian pennies, 1997-2001, can cause **zinc poisoning**

**Overheated PTFE** can cause sudden death in pet birds

We are able to detect significant underlying disease in the minority of cases of **anesthetic-related deaths** in dogs and cats

## AHL PEOPLE

### **Faxing of results**

We have been encountering an increasing number of fax problems that seem to revolve around phone lines that are used (e.g. Interac, Internet, or answering machine). Occasionally the line is no longer in use.

Due to our large volume of faxing, **we will convert clients from 'fax' to 'mail' if they have three or more fax failures due to one of the problems listed above.** Please note that 'mail' results are sent only after the case is finalized and invoiced.

We will convert clients back to fax once a dedicated phone line is available.

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

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) - *EIA*

ISO 9002 registered - *lab quality system*

Standards Council of Canada/Canadian Association of Environmental Analytical Laboratories (SCC/CAEAL) - *toxicology/m*

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

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