



AHL LabNote Number 52

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EIA (equine infectious anemia) ELISA 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>

With accreditation comes responsibilities associated with sample submission as outlined in the CFIA regulations. We have a major concern when veterinarians have owners drop off samples directly at the AHL for EIA testing. It's embarrassing to turn these submissions back, but **we cannot accept these submissions!**

Please note the excerpt directly from the CFIA Accredited Veterinary Manual:

“Section 3.2. 42:

42. 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.”

This statement is also written in the SOP that AHL uses under the CFIA accreditation program, Therefore, we must never accept a sample directly from an owner or exporter. Please for the sake of your and our accreditation – do NOT have owners submit EIA submissions. As an alternative, AHL has several options for courier services if expedited sample submission is needed:

1) Local courier options

TODS / Syngistics – 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

ahl.supplies@uoguelph.ca

[Labnote 27](#)

[Labnote 46 Overnight Prepaid Courier Services offered by AHL is continuing with Purolator Express Return Labels](#)

Please note – this also applies to the pick up of completed AHL results – AHL must have written permission from the veterinarian to release results to anyone except the veterinarian or CFIA

EIA - \$14.00

CFIA fee recovery - \$2.00 Total cost for EIA \$16.00 per sample.

We thank you for your business and your interest in AHL and EIA testing.

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

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