

# LABORATORY REQUEST FORM

(For use **ONLY** by Veterinary Surgeons)

Date sample received (lab use)  /  /

Please complete the information below as required.

Submitting Vet Surgeon

Referring Practice

Address

Postcode  Email

Telephone  Fax

Donkeys Name  Sex

Donkeys Age  Date sample collected  /  /

Please provide ownership details by completing the appropriate box below where possible:

Private owners name

Guardian's name  Foster No.

## TEST REQUIRED AND SAMPLE REQUIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongyle egg count (9g)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Haematology (EDTA)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron (as inflammatory marker)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tapeworm & Ascarid egg count (9g) | <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry (Plain Tube)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> ACTH (EDTA plasma)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lungworm Larvae count (25g)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Glucose (Fluoride/oxalate)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Insulin (Serum)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Fluke egg count (3g)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibrinogen & Prothrombin Time (Sodium Citrate) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please call to discuss) |

If facilities are available, please centrifuge the clotted sample as soon as possible after collection (once fully clotted and separated) and send the serum only for biochemistry (plain tube). False GGT elevations might occur when clotted samples are sent without separation. We recommend that all blood samples are sent with a cool pack.

History/Clinical Signs

**ENDOCRINOLOGY** – If submitting for ACTH please note we run ACTH on Tuesdays and Fridays. ACTH is run on EDTA plasma. Ideally this should be spun down and plasma only posted with an ice pack for next day delivery, Monday to Thursday only. We DO NOT recommend freezing the EDTA plasma before sending. We often freeze plasma and serum on arrival and the effects of thawing and re-freezing EDTA plasma on ACTH concentration are largely unknown. Old or un-chilled samples may not be run.

**PARASITOLOGY** – A full faecal profile requires 40g of dung. If an insufficient amount of sample is submitted the lungworm test will not be run. Please specify above if the lungworm test is essential. Pooled samples are of limited diagnostic value and will therefore NOT be tested.



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Results will usually be emailed through on day of receiving sample.

Please pack samples in accordance with the current Royal Mail postage regulations, clearly marked as 'SAMPLES',

FAO: Veterinary Department, Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU to arrive between Monday and Thursday Inclusive. T 01395 579162 F 01395 573011 E vets@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk.