LABORATORY REQUEST FORM

(For use ONLY by Veterinary Surgeons)

THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

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

- ☐ Haematology (**EDTA**)
- ☐ Glucose (**Fluoride/oxalate**)
- ☐ Tapeworm egg count (**9g**)
- ☐ Biochemistry (**Plain Tube**)
- ☐ Fibrinogen & Prothrombin Time (**Sodium Citrate**)
- ☐ Lungworm Larvae count (**10g**)
- ☐ Iron (**as inflammatory marker**)
- ☐ Strongyle egg count (**9g**)
- ☐ Liver Fluke egg count (**3g**)
- ☐ Other (**please call to discuss**)

If facilities are available please centrifuge the clotted sample (once fully clotted and separated) and send the serum only for biochemistry (plain tube).

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 - Tests for all parasite eggs and larvae are run using approximately 40 g of dung = a small handful. (Individual tests require 9g for a worm egg count, 25g for lungworm and 3g for fluke). Pooled samples are of limited diagnostic value and will therefore NOT be tested.

Results will usually be faxed or emailed through on day of receiving sample. Please tick your preference:

☐ **Fax** ☐ **Email**

Please pack samples in accordance with the current Royal Mail postage regulations, clearly marked as 'SAMPLES', FAO: Veterinary Department, to arrive between Monday and Thursday Inclusive

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