

# Diagnostic Laboratory Services

## QUALITY ASSURANCE STATEMENT

### *Virology/Immunology*

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine is fully accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association. This accreditation includes virology and immunology diagnostic laboratory services within the Department of Biomedical & Diagnostic Sciences.

The Virology/Immunology Laboratory is certified by the USDA to perform equine infectious anemia (EIA, Coggins) testing and undergoes regular external quality assessment testing (proficiency testing). Additionally, the lab is undergoing training for providing Avian Influenza testing by serology and PCR, and is undergoing review for abiding by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

The laboratory is subject to annual biosafety inspection by the University of Tennessee Office of Biosafety and maintains annual recertification of biosafety cabinets in the laboratory.

The laboratory maintains four full-time staff members.

The laboratory uses written standard operating procedures (SOPs) and carries out daily quality assurance and quality control procedures.

Sincerely,



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