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Tips for Accredited Veterinarians - Do's and Don'ts

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Performing Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing

1. **Do** ensure you are a Category II accredited veterinarian and authorized in the state where you obtain the blood sample for testing. You can check your status on the [National Veterinary Accreditation Program website](#).
2. **Do** submit the blood sample to an [APHIS-approved EIA testing laboratory](#) (167.93 KB).
3. **Do** use approved testing forms.
 - Consult this [list of currently approved EIA testing forms](#).
 - Obtain paper VS 10-11 forms by contacting the [NVAP Coordinator](#) for your state.
4. **Do** ensure the blood sample is obtained from the horse described on the form.
 - Your signature on the VS 10-11 form verifies: "I certify I am a Category II, Federally Accredited, Veterinarian, authorized in the state where the sample was obtained, **by me**, from the animal described below."
5. **Do** FULLY complete the VS 10-11 form, except for blocks marked "For laboratory use only."
 - Refer to these instructions:
 - [Instructions for completing the VS 10-11 \(version DEC 2020\)](#)
 - [Instructions for completing the VS 10-11 \(version FEB 2018\)](#)
 - **Don't** leave blocks blank. If the response is none, enter NONE, or line through box fully.

- **Do** provide the physical address of the current home premises of the equine in Block 7. This should be where the animal normally lives. It may be a market location if the home premises is unknown.
 - **Don't** list a veterinary clinic, unless the equine resides there.
 - **Don't** list a Post Office Box.
 - **Do** use this date format: MM/DD/YYYY.
6. **Do** accurately identify the equine.
- **Do** provide color, breed, and sex.
 - **Do** enter an age, either known date of birth or approximate age in years or months.
 - **Don't** enter ADULT or FOAL. For guidance on age estimation, please see [NVAP Reference Guide: Appendix G: Equine Teeth and Aging](#)
 - **Do** enter tag number, tattoo number, microchip, or breed registration number or NONE/complete line through of the appropriate blocks.
 - **Do** scan all equines for the presence of microchips. While not mandatory, this is best practice. Veterinarians can obtain scanners capable of reading microchips conforming to ISO/ICAR¹ 11784/11785 standards from commercial sources. If a microchip is reported by the owner, verify the number provided.
 - **Do** complete the narrative description of permanent white markings, brands, tattoos, scars, and whorls.
 - Please see [NVAP Reference Guide: Equine Identification](#) for additional information about equine identification.

Please see the included example of a VS 10-11 and instructions for completing the form. Please see [Equine Infectious Anemia](#) for more information about EIA.

¹International Organization for Standardization/International Committee for Animal Recording

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE						FORM SERIAL NUMBER AA 000000			
OFFICIAL VS 10-11 EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA TEST FORM									
COMPLETION OF FIELDS #2 - #24 IS REQUIRED. IF NONE: LINE THROUGH BOX FULLY OR WRITE "NONE"									
1. ACCESSION NUMBER (For laboratory use only) 123456-0			2. DATE BLOOD DRAWN 03/01/2024		3. TEST REQUESTED BY VETERINARIAN ☒ ELISA ☐ AGID				
4. REASON FOR TESTING ☐ Interstate Movement ☒ Within State Use/Annual ☐ Change Ownership/Sale ☐ International Import/Export ☐ Illness/Clinical Suspect ☐ Investigation/Exposure									
5. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER 5a. NAME Example Owner 5b. MAILING ADDRESS 123 Main Street 5c. CITY Austin 5d. STATE TX 5e. ZIP CODE 50010				7. CURRENT HOME PREMISES OF EQUINE (ranch, farm, stable, or market) 7a. NAME Example Stables 7b. PHYSICAL/STREET ADDRESS 456 First Street 7c. CITY Austin 7d. STATE TX 7e. ZIP CODE 50010					
5f. OWNER TELEPHONE NUMBER 000-000-0000		6. COUNTY OF CURRENT HOME PREMISES OF EQUINE Travis		7f. PREMISES TELEPHONE NUMBER 000-000-0000					
I CERTIFY I AM A CATEGORY II, FEDERALLY ACCREDITED, VETERINARIAN, AUTHORIZED IN THE STATE WHERE THE SAMPLE WAS OBTAINED, BY ME, FROM THE ANIMAL DESCRIBED BELOW.									
8a. VETERINARIAN NAME Dr. Example O. Veterinarian			8b. NATIONAL ACCREDITATION NUMBER 00000		8c. STATE IN WHICH BLOOD SAMPLE WAS OBTAINED TX				
8d. VETERINARIAN SIGNATURE <i>Example O. Veterinarian</i>			8e. SIGNATURE DATE 03/01/2024						
8f. MAILING ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN 789 Second Street			8g. CITY Austin		8h. STATE TX		8i. ZIP CODE 50010 8j. TELEPHONE NUMBER 000-000-0000		
9. TUBE # 1234-1		10. NAME OF ANIMAL Example Horse		11. COLOR Bay		12. BREED OF HORSE (or Species of Equid) Quarter Horse		13. SEX ☐ MALE INTACT ☐ FEMALE INTACT ☒ GELDING ☐ FEMALE SPAYED	
14. AGE OR DOB 05/22/2016		15. TAG # None		16. TATTOO # None		17. MICROCHIP # 9000000000000000		18. BREED REGISTRATION # 1111111	
SHOW ALL PERMANENT WHITE MARKINGS, BRANDS, TATTOOS and SCARS. MARK WHORLS WITH AN "X"									
REQUIRED: NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PERMANENT WHITE MARKINGS, BRANDS, TATTOOS, SCARS, AND WHORLS. (If none: line through box fully or write "none")									
19. HEAD Star					20. NECK AND BODY (include coat color patterns if any) None				
21. LEFT FORELIMB None					22. RIGHT FORELIMB Pastern Sock				
23. LEFT HINDLIMB None					24. RIGHT HINDLIMB None				
FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY									
25. EIA LABORATORY NAME Example Laboratory 123 Third Street		26. DATE SAMPLE RECEIVED 03/04/2024		27. DATE RESULTS REPORTED 03/05/2024		28. OFFICIAL TEST RESULT ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		29. TEST TYPE USED ☐ AGID ☒ ELISA	
25a. CITY Austin		30. LABORATORY REMARKS							
25b. STATE TX									
31. SIGNATURE OF NVSL - APPROVED EIA TECHNICIAN <i>Example Technician</i>						32. INTERIM RESULT REFERRED FOR CONFIRMATION ☐			
FALSIFICATION OF THIS FORM OR KNOWINGLY USING A FALSIFIED FORM IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH (18 U.S.C. SECTION 1001).									
VS FORM 10-11 MAY 2023						PART 1 - VETERINARIAN/SUBMITTER			

Sample of completed VS Form 10-11.

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