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WHAT IS THE CLIENTELE FOOTPRINT OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY LABORATORY?

Although the main focus of the WCPVL is offering a veterinary testing service in the Western Cape Province, the laboratory, through its Bovine Brucellosis test offering, serves clients from across South Africa. At least 55% of the annual tests performed by the laboratory are currently being done for clients outside of the Western Cape.

HOW MANY TESTS DO THE WC PVL CONDUCT ON AVERAGE PER MONTH?

Even though the demand for testing follows certain seasonal trends, the laboratory on average perform 26 000 tests per month.



WHICH TESTS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE PVL?

Currently, the WCPVL offers 41 different tests across seven main disciplines, namely: bacteriology, histopathology, molecular biology (PCR), parasitology, serology, Veterinary Public Health microbiology and virology. The laboratory also has a post mortem facility where veterinarians perform autopsies on deceased animals. Further testing requirements are supported by the various laboratory sections.

Tests range from faecal egg counts in order to determine internal parasite load in various species of animals,

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microbiological isolation of bacteria, to testing for controlled animal diseases such as Bovine Brucellosis in cattle and buffalo, Avian Influenza, African Horse Sickness, Dourine, etc.

As an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, the Provincial Veterinary Laboratory currently has 23 accredited tests across the range of disciplines mentioned above. This makes the laboratory currently the government veterinary laboratory with the largest scope of accredited tests in the country and also the third largest scope of all veterinary laboratories in South Africa.

Planning for the 2024/2025 financial year includes the implementation of biochemistry and chemical residue testing capacity.

For a complete list of tests currently offered, including which samples to submit for each and the tariffs of tests, our Specimen Submission Guideline which is available for download on our website can be consulted.

https://www.elsenburg.com/veterinary-services/veterinary-laboratory-services/

HOW MUST SAMPLES REACH THE PVL?

A fresh sample always delivers the best results. Therefore, it is recommended that samples are sent to the laboratory by courier as soon as possible after collection.

Ensure that the samples are securely packed in a sturdy outer container to prevent leaking and/or breaking. It is advisable that samples be kept as cool as possible and placing an ice pack inside the container with the samples will assist with this.

All samples must be accompanied by a fully completed sample submission form. There are various submission forms in use at the laboratory, depending on the test requested. Copies of the forms are available on our website and can also be emailed to you when requested.

For more detailed information on what sample to submit for a specific test and the transport requirements thereof, the laboratory's Specimen Submission Guideline is also available for download on our website. <u>https://www.elsenburg.com/veterinary-services/veterinary-laboratory-services/</u>

WHO TO CONTACT FOR PVL SERVICES?

For telephonic enquiries, it is best to contact the laboratory's switchboard from where your call will be directed to the relevant testing section and/or person.

The number is: 021 808 7510.

Email enquiries can be sent to Mr Francois Dreyer at francois.dreyer@westerncape.gov.za

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