

Subject: Quality System



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding the Quality Assurance Program of Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL).

- 1) KSVDL is an American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) accredited Laboratory. This accreditation is to assist laboratories to meet or exceed the standard of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) as described in the OIE *Quality Standard and Guidelines for Veterinary Laboratories: Infections Disease*.
- 2) KSVDL participates in external proficiency testing programs, whenever possible as well as develop in-house proficiency testing. These programs provide assessment of laboratory proficiency by providing unknown samples for assay. Laboratories blindly conduct sample analysis and results are evaluated either by correlating results with other laboratories or internally with other personnel or methodologies.
- 3) Pathology systems are supervised by ACVP-board certified pathologists. Anatomic histopathologic reports are based on the findings and interpretations of the coordinating pathologist. All pathology investigations and examinations are conducted or reviewed by a board certified pathologist or a board eligible pathologist.
- 4) The laboratory provides opinions and interpretations of reported data by qualified technicians based on experience and/or training.
- 5) The quality system of KSVDL has been established to formalize quality practices employed to meet the scope, mission, and quality objectives of the laboratory. All elements of the quality system, those developed by the laboratory and those taken from outside sources, are formally documented. Policies and procedures have been implemented to assure accuracy and reliability of testing performed.

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