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Notification of Changes at the Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (AVDL) is implementing changes to our tests and rates that will go into effect on December 1, 2024. These adjustments are to cover the increased cost of supplies as we continue to strive to deliver excellent services. The new price list is below:

- \$5 per sample will be charged to perform pseudorabies (PRV) ELISA tests.
- \$35 for each PCR test with the following exceptions:
 - \$45 will be charged for multiplex tests i.e. one test used to detect both *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*.
 - Avian metapneumovirus types A, B, and C tests are typically requested together. \$35.00 for the first subtype, and \$15.00 for each additional subtype.
- Small animal disposal requests will be charged as follows:
 - \$30.00 for each animal under 100 lb.
 - \$50.00 for each animal between 100 lb. and 200 lb.
- During necropsy, ancillary testing may be recommended by the pathologist. These tests will incur additional charges and will be approved by the owner or the submitting veterinarian prior.
- \$4 sample accessioning charge will be applied to all submissions, except EIA (Coggins) submissions.

Due to declining requests and increasing cost of testing supplies, the following tests will no longer be offered:

- *Leptospira* microscopic agglutination test (MAT) - AVDL will continue offering *Leptospira interrogans* PCR testing, a more accurate test with quicker turnaround time
- Stone analysis
- Bromide testing
- Lead testing in blood samples
- Complete Blood Count (CBC) test in avian and reptile samples
- Nitrate testing in forage and serum samples - AVDL will continue to offer nitrate testing in ocular fluids
- Tests for thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) - AVDL will continue to offer "Total T4" and "Free T4" tests

Please visit the [laboratory services section](#) of the Department website for additional information about services, tests, and fees. If you have any questions, please call 501-823-1730 or email receiving@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership in serving our fellow Arkansans.

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