FAVN-OIE Requirements and Instructions for the Importation of Dogs and Cats

Public Health Command Region-South and the NAF One Central Fund are pleased to provide DOD beneficiaries with the Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization (FAVN) test for their pets.

Packing Instructions:

- Submit 0.5 – 1.0 ml of clear serum in an unbreakable tube and place in a Ziploc bag.
    - Note: A waiting period of at least 21 days between rabies vaccination and sample draw is advised for optimum antibody response.
- Fill out one FAVN-OIE test request per pet. Print or type all the required information. The form is fillable from the website.
- The veterinarian's original signature is required. The veterinarian will verify the identity of the pet including the microchip number and the owner's DOD beneficiary status.
- Place payment and FAVN-OIE request form in a separate Ziploc bag to prevent water damage.

Payment Information:

- **Effective 1 April 2011, the lab fee for the FAVN test is $55.00 per sample.**
- Acceptable forms of payment include money order, cashier's check, or credit card. For multiple samples, one full payment is acceptable.
    - Please make cashier's check or money order payable to "DOD VET LAB" and ensure the owner and pet's name is included.
    - Cash and personal checks are NOT acceptable forms of payment.
    - Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Fill out the Credit Card Authorization Form, and submit with the FAVN-OIE request form and sample for testing.

Shipping Information:

PHCR-South
ATTN: Diagnostic Lab
2899 Schofield Road, Suite 2630
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7583

- Use the fastest service available including next-day delivery services such as Federal Express, UPS, or DHL. If possible, avoid using the United States Postal Service (USPS), as they do not deliver directly to the laboratory, so receipt of sample will be delayed.
- Refrigerants and gel packs are not necessary when shipped for next day delivery from the USA, but are recommended when delivery requires several days in transit.
- Include a copy of the CDC import permit (available for printing from website) to facilitate clearance through US Customs when shipping from overseas.

Results:

- Results can be expected within 3 weeks after receipt of the sample(s).
- Results will be sent via regular mail or e-mailed to the veterinarian upon request. All MWD lab results will be posted in the Lotus Notes Database. The laboratory is NOT permitted to give results over the phone.
    - Hawaii and Guam: The final report is mailed directly to the quarantine facility and a copy is sent to the submitting veterinary clinic. Pet owner should obtain a copy from their veterinarian.
    - All other destinations: The final report is mailed to the pet owner.

- PHCR-South Diagnostic Laboratory contact information:

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