



New Mexico Department of Agriculture

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Greetings,

Until now, NMDA Veterinary Diagnostic Services (VDS) has accepted specimens for *Tritrichomonas foetus* testing received greater than 96 hours since collection, or received in outdated media (Biomed Diagnostics InPouch™ or in TF-Transit Tubes); and results were reported with an appropriate disclaimer. However, recent litigation brought into question the validity of test results on out-of-date or late-receipt specimens, even if the testing laboratory provided a disclaimer.

Effective December 1, 2018, VDS will no longer test *T. foetus* specimens received greater than 96 hours from collection, or received in outdated/expired media (Biomed InPouch or TF Transit Tubes). This change in policy is made in conjunction with the New Mexico Livestock Board.

To ensure your specimens arrive within the acceptable timeframe, please consider the method of transit when shipping. VDS accepts deliveries from couriers (DMC, UPS, and FedEx) on Monday through Friday, and from DMC only on Saturday morning. Mail is received only once a day, Monday through Friday; however, we do not encourage the use of mail for these particular specimens due to the strict timing of receipt.

As always, we greatly appreciate your business and we will continue to strive to provide the best service possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions; we may be reached (505) 383-9299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Timothy J. Hanosh, DVM'.

Timothy J. Hanosh, DVM
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