

## West Nile Virus Serology: Guidance Sheet for Sample Submission

When submitting a sample for West Nile Virus serology, please follow the guidelines below.

### 1. Submission Form

Please use the general submission form (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/forms/VLA/vla8.pdf>).

In the **REASON FOR TESTING** section: please tick the **Other** box, and enter 'WNV serology'.

As WNV serology is not listed with the other tests, please also quote 'West Nile PRNT (TC0739)' in the box provided

In the **VACCINATION HISTORY/NOTES** section: please enter clinical history and recent travel history (if any), along with any other relevant information.

Please record any relevant information, such as animal ID, age etc for each sample submitted, in the table provided.

### 2. Sample

A minimum of 1ml serum (preferable) or 2ml clotted blood should be sent in a plain tube, marked with the animal's name and a sender's reference number.

### 3. Sending the sample

Send your completed submission form and sample to:

WNV Serology / Sample Reception,  
Veterinary Laboratories Agency,  
Woodham Lane, New Haw,  
Addlestone, Surrey,  
KT15 3NB, UK

### Please Note

Test results are sent to the submitting practice and to Defra.

West Nile Virus is a notifiable disease in horses, therefore any suspicion of clinical West Nile Virus infection must be reported to your local Divisional Veterinary Manager, and Animal Health (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/westnilevirus>).

We are currently working towards gaining ISO17025 accreditation for this test