

Blue Cross Animal Hospital

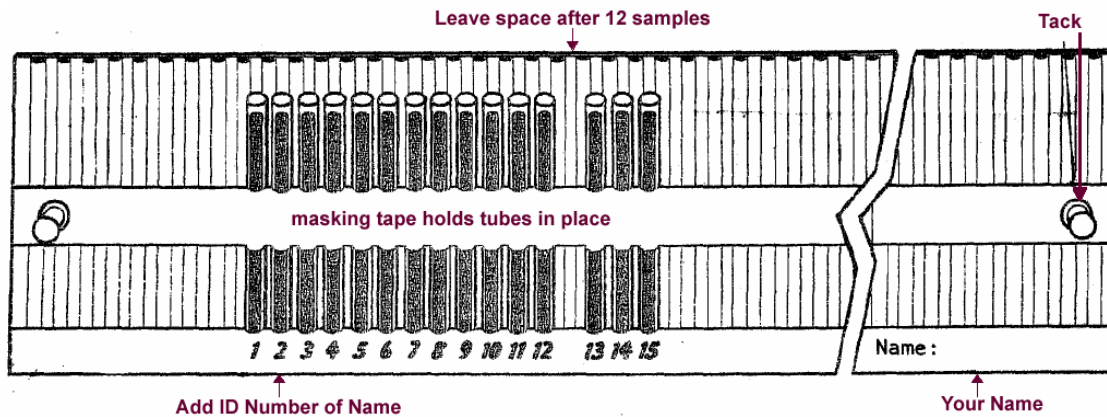
Counterelectrophoresis (CEP) Testing For Aleutian Disease (ADV) in Ferrets

Collection and Submission of Blood samples

Collection:

Collect sufficient blood to fill two heparinized capillary tubes. Plug one end. Identify each sample in the shipment. Whole blood or serum samples in Vacutainer tubes are also acceptable.

1. Clip the toenail above the quick (pink area of toenail).
 - a. Soak the trimmers in parvocide and wipe dry
2. Fill two (2) tubes $\frac{3}{4}$ full by holding one end up to the blood from the toenail with the other end at a slight downward angle.
3. Once both tubes are filled, use styptic powder or silver nitrate to stop the bleeding.
4. Plug one end of the tube with sealing clay to a depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
5. Lay the tubes onto the grooves on top of the cardboard as illustrated.
6. Write the animal ID number or name on the cardboard or paper the tubes are attached to.
7. Roll cardboard into tight roll and secure with a rubber band or tape.
8. Refrigerate samples until the day of shipment. DO not keep samples more than 3 days prior to shipping.



Shipment:

1. Please call at least a day in advance to let them know samples will be coming.
2. Package samples so that they are not crushed in shipment in a small box with newspaper, no ice required.
3. Send the samples via **NEXT DAY** service to:

Blue Cross Animal Hospital
ATTENTION: Dr. Blau - CEP TESTS
401 North Miller Avenue
Burley, Idaho 83318
Phone: (208) 678-5553
Fax: 208-677-8957

4. Be sure to include your clinic/shelter name, address, phone and fax number in the package as well as the name of a contact person.

Payment:

Enclose with each shipment a check or credit card information (cardholder name, card number and expiration date. The charge for each sample is \$10.00 each.

Receiving Results:

1. Results are usually available within a week after receipt of samples. Blue Cross Animal Hospital will fax or call results to you.
2. The following symbols could appear on your test results:
 - +** The sample is positive (ferrets has been **exposed** to ADV)
 - NT** Sample was received, but no conclusive test results were obtained. Submit another sample.
 - E** Sample was broken during centrifuging. Submit another sample.
 - NS** No sample received.