

Subject: Quality Assurance Letter Calendar Year 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding the quality assurance program of the Kansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KVDL).

- 1) KVDL is accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and is designated as a full-service animal diagnostic laboratory, all species. This accreditation is based on the principles of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) found in *Quality Standard and Guidelines for Veterinary Laboratories: Infectious Diseases* and ISO 17025 (International Organization for Standardization) designed for testing laboratories like the Kansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Our quality assurance program is managed by the Director of Quality, who oversees the program and reports directly to the KVDL Director, a Veterinarian and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (DACVP).
- 2) To continually ensure all tests performed at KVDL are controlled and satisfactory, KVDL participates in external proficiency testing programs depending on availability. In-house proficiency testing is also developed and performed. These allow the laboratory sections to conduct analysis on blind/unknown samples, in which, results are evaluated either by comparing them with other laboratories or internally with other personnel or methodologies ("gold standard").
- 3) Pathology areas are supervised by ACVP-board certified pathologists. Anatomic histopathologic reports are based on the findings and interpretations of the coordinating pathologist. All pathology investigations and examinations are conducted or reviewed by a board-certified pathologist or a board eligible pathologist.
- 4) The laboratory provides opinions and interpretations of reported data by qualified technicians based on experience and/or training.
- 5) The quality assurance system of KVDL is an established set of quality practices designed to meet the scope, mission, and quality objectives of the laboratory. All elements of the quality system, those developed by the laboratory and those taken from outside sources, are systematically documented. Policies and procedures have been implemented to ensure accuracy and reliability of testing performed.

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