



Parasite Diagnostic Services

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Lab Use Only

Accession No.: _____

Date Received: _____

Initials: _____

Express
 Postage Paid
 In Person

Parasite Test Submission - Sheep - Cattle - Goats - Alpacas - Camels

Account and owner details

Account holder or individual paying: _____

Optional - Name of your client or farm being tested (only if different to above): _____

Address and contact details

Street: _____

Town: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email (print clearly): _____

How do you wish to receive results? Email (preferred) Other (only if no email) :

List any other emails that should receive results: _____

Samples - If you have more than 5 samples, use a copy of this page and alter the column numbers

Species: Sheep Cattle Goat Alpaca Camel Other:

Date of collection: day / month / year (collection date is essential if you request export fluke testing)

Sample #	1	2	3	4	5
ID of group or individual animal:					
Age/class:					
% scouring:					
% dying:					
Last drench date:					
Drench used:					
Due date (ewes):					
Other information or other test requests:					

Testing required – See overpage for a brief explanation

Worm egg count: Bulk count of each group Individual sample count None

If no options are checked, we will perform bulk tests.

Larval culture: No Yes, if count over _____* eggs per gram of faeces (*if blank, we'll use 200 epg)

Further comments / instructions: _____

Larval culture results take approximately 7-10 days from the date of processing.

Fluke test: No Regular - which samples, if not all? _____

Export to Western Australia - date of animal transport: _____

Regular fluke results are positive / negative. Contact us in advance if you need enumerated counts.

Sample collection and mailing instructions - See overpage

Payment: For credit cards, please fill out the form overpage

Credit Card Direct Deposit Cash Cheque Invoice me*

Test kit orders

Please send me more sample test submission kits. Number of kits required: _____

Address to send kits (if different to above): _____



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Payment Form

Prices are on our website: www.parasite.com.au

Amount paid or authorised: \$ _____ Date: day / month / year

Payment method:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	Make payable to Parasite Diagnostic Services .
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit/ EFT	Pay to: National Australia Bank Branch: 083 253 Account number: 85376 7430 Receipt #: _____ (or include a copy of the receipt)
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD Name on card: _____ Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____ CCV: _____

Collection & Mailing of Samples

Resealable ('ziploc') bags are recommended for faeces samples.

Faeces: Collect at least 1 tablespoonful (4 grams) of **fresh** faeces per animal in individual small bags or tubes. If using hard tubes do not fill by more than 2/3, or they will pressurize with gas and leak! **It is essential that only fresh faeces be collected.** Worm eggs can hatch rapidly, especially in warm weather, which will reduce the accuracy of the test.

For bulk tests: Collect at least 1 tablespoonful (4 grams) of **fresh** faeces per animal in individual small bags or tubes. We'll combine them before testing. Or send us one already-pooled sample of more than 10 grams total (~ size of 1-2 golf balls).

Larval cultures: Include an extra 20 grams of faeces total (~ size of 2 golf balls). Larval culture results take approximately 7-10 days. If you do not request a worm egg count at the same time then please provide us with your own count results, as a guide.

Regular fluke tests: Sheep, goats, and other smaller livestock: 4 grams (~ 1 tablespoon) of faeces per group. Cattle, camels, and larger animals: 10 grams (~ size of 1 golf ball). In many cases there should be sufficient sample left after worm egg testing but be mindful to include enough.

Export fluke tests: Send us 1 golf ball-sized (> 10 gram) sample per animal. It is important that you record (i) the collection date, (ii) the name of the person exporting the animal(s), and (iii) date of expected transport. Refer to the 'Liver Fluke – WA' information page on our website for more information. The export text certificate will be sent to the WA authorities as well as the owner.

Mailing: Seal bags carefully, place in a second sealed bag, and then in the mailing satchel. Include completed submission form(s) but take care to ensure they are separated from the sample bags (such as in their own bag) and can't be damaged by leaking faeces or moisture. Try to include all samples in one parcel so they don't get separated in the post, which does happen. **Consider including a small ice brick** during warm weather, especially with regular mail.

Express Post satchels are recommended. Retain the tracking number sticker so you can trace your samples in transit. Our pre-addressed mailing satchels will incur a postage fee and are often slower, so Express Post can end up a better option.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should I request a bulk test or individual counts?

A **bulk test** is cheaper and will give you a good idea of the overall parasite load for your mob. **Individual counts** give greater detail about the distribution of parasites in a mob (whether some animals are more infected than others) and are also recommended in situations where each animal is individually important or kept separately.

When is a larval culture test useful?

A larval culture test can tell you the types (genus or species) of Strongyle worms present in your sample, while the standard worm egg count tells you the levels of Strongyle worms are present, but not their species/genus. A larval culture can be useful if (i) it helps you decide which drench to use on your animals, (ii) if you've already treated them but the drench has not performed as expected, or (iii) if you're conducting drench resistance testing.

When should I re-test?

If your worm egg counts are high, you should re-test your animals approximately 10-14 days after treatment. If counts are low, consider re-testing in about 6-8 weeks, or sooner after seasonal changes (especially increased rainfall) or during times of increased animal stress. If you're concerned that worms may be increasing, consider re-testing sooner - after approximately 4 weeks.