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Subject: Update to ISU VDL Diagnostic Case Reports

Effective July 25, 2017, the ISU VDL will be launching a new feature in its Laboratory Information Management System that will be noticeable on some ISU VDL Case Reports.

This new feature will be electronically inserting notations into ISU VDL Case Reports when specific testing has been conducted in part, or in total, at a "Referral Laboratory". Additionally, this new application will electronically insert a notation when an assay (test) has not been fully validated for the testing conducted.

These notations will appear near the test name on the diagnostic reports as shown below.

<u>Test Ordered</u>	<u>Laboratory Result(s)</u>	<u>Order Date</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Complete Date</u>
^Vitamin D (Heartland Assays)		7/5/2017	No Result	
^^Avian Encephalomyelitis Virus ELISA		7/5/2017	No Result	

^ Testing performed in part or in total at a Referral Laboratory.

^^ Assay has not been fully validated for all the testing conducted.

Referral Laboratories are defined as laboratories outside the scope of ISU VDL's American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Accreditation. ISU VDL commonly utilizes the services and resources of other laboratories (both internal and external to ISU) when providing its services to clientele.

These updates to ISU VDL's case reporting application are being made to streamline reporting procedures at the laboratory and are aligned with best reporting practices set forth by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. **These updates are not associated with any changes to the actual diagnostic procedures conducted.**

The purpose of this communication is simply to inform VDL Clientele of these upcoming changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory with any questions or concerns.

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