



**Wisconsin Veterinary
Diagnostic Laboratory**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

WVDL SAMPLE SUBMISSION POLICY

The WVDL restricts the submissions of samples to veterinarians only. This limitation is based on WVDL needs for sample integrity, sample quality, and appropriate case history. In addition to veterinarians, the WVDL accepts poultry submissions from owners and submissions from certified fish health inspectors, law enforcement, and regulatory agencies. The WVDL also accepts hunter harvested CWD samples. The submitter is billed for test services. The WVDL will not accept any cases with potential for litigation from out of state.

For submissions of samples to the WVDL, a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) must be established, which requires examination of the animal(s) in-person for a veterinarian to provide any information on treatment for any species of animal (Wisconsin Statutes 89.02 8b). If a veterinarian is not associated with a submission, the WVDL can provide results and commentary only for those samples and/or carcasses submitted, and recommends that you contact a local veterinarian for assistance with clinical care, medical therapies, and disease prevention.

Specimens submitted to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) must be accompanied by a completed submission form. Use of this submission form signifies acceptance of a contract with the WVDL for test results and interpretation of results. Specimens submitted and isolates derived from them become the property of the WVDL. The WVDL maintains the right to refer a portion of the specimen to an appropriate laboratory for additional testing. The WVDL also maintains the right to use the specimens for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to performing applied research and test development.