Texas Animal Health Commission

Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test (TAHC 10-07) — Instructions

General information, recommendations, and requirements

- Use of this test record is required by Texas Administrative Code Rule 49.5, *Piroplasmosis: Testing, Identification of Infected Equine*.

- Two versions of the test record are available, one for manual completion and one enabling importation of digital photos (*see notes below).*

- Please provide complete owner and animal information. Include lip tattoos and microchip numbers when present.

- A hard copy of each chart should be sent with the specimen to the lab. TAHC does not need a copy unless the horse is positive. The testing veterinarian may wish to keep an electronic or hard copy for their records. The original should be given to the owner when it is returned with lab results recorded.

- Always complete a laboratory submission form in addition to the test record. Indicate the reason for testing, and specific tests requested.

- TVMDL can test specimens for piroplasmosis only for intra-state and inter-state purposes. Testing for international export or for diagnostic cases with possible clinical symptoms must be sent to NVSL

- Testing must be done under the direct supervision of an accredited veterinarian.

- Retests of any positive horse may only be conducted by state or federal regulatory officials.

Notes about using the electronic version of the form

Important: Complete the form using the free Adobe Reader software. The form will not function properly if completed in a web browser or in a different pdf application.

To import digital photos of the horse:

1. Click in one of the image fields (where it says **Click to import photo**).
2. In the **Select Image File** box that appears, navigate to the appropriate photo and click on it.
3. Click **Select**.
4. Repeat this process for the other 2 photos.

If you are unable to import a photo, verify that the image file is in the proper file format (.jpg, .gif, or .png) and that the file size is 1 MB or smaller.

If you need to replace a photo you've imported, click on that photo and select the new photo to import using the steps outlined above.

To clear all form data, click on the **Reset Form** button in the upper right corner of the form.