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Dear John Eddy,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Brucella canis testing

Thank you for your request for information of 16th April about Brucella canis testing. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

* From 15.07.2023 - 31.12.2023 (inclusive)

* From 01.01.2024 - 15.04.2024 (inclusive)

1. How many incidents of laboratory error (e.g., faulty reagent, manual data error, etc) have been identified by the APHA laboratories since 15.07.2023?

2023 – 1
2024 - 1

2. What was the cause of each of the incidents (e.g., manual data entry error, faulty reagent, etc).

2023 – retest error
2024 – Reagent failed fit for purpose testing

3. Of these, how many (case + sum of individual dog(s)) involved the:

3.1. iELISA	2
3.2. SAT	0
3.3. RSA	0
3.4. Other	0

4. For each incident, how many individual dogs were affected?

0

5. In each case, how many of the dogs were falsely identified as positive on a test when they were actually negative?

0

6. In each case, how many of the dogs were falsely identified as negative on a test when they were actually positive?
0
7. How many dogs are you aware of that have died as a consequence of these errors?
0
8. What is your known error rate per test (known individual dog errors divided by total number of tests undertaken of that type)? Splitting down the data by the following tests: RSA, SAT, iELISA, Other, please answer this based on:
 - 8.1. 2023 0
 - 8.2. 2024 (up until 15.04.2024)" 0

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Yours sincerely

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