

PATHOLOGY REQUEST FORM

Clinician

OWNER

PRACTICE

ANIMAL/ID

Species

Breed

Age Sex (Neutered)

SAMPLE Site(s)

Date

Previous submission – Lab number or date

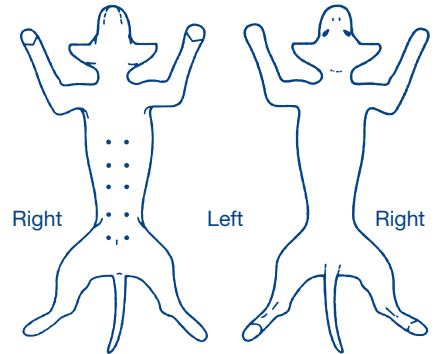
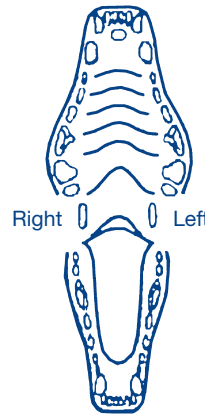
No. of pieces Biopsy only Entire lesion

EXAMINATION REQUIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTOLOGY tumour, tissue | <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTOLOGY skin disease | <input type="checkbox"/> COPY SLIDE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CYTOLOGY | |

CLINICAL DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

TREATMENT GIVEN and response



No. samples received	Laboratory use only
No. samples taken	
Archive	
LTF	
Initials	
Pricing code	
Date received	
Slide issue	

CLINICAL SUMMARY

- e.g. Duration
- Seasonal occurrence?
 - General health
 - Diet/management
 - Size of lesion(s)
 - Rate of growth of lesion(s)
 - Appearance
 - Pruritus/pain?
 - Body distribution
 - Parasites?
 - Other animals in contact affected?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Histology pots including mailing containers – with return envelopes and request forms (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing containers for histology pots only | <input type="checkbox"/> Request forms and envelopes only (5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cellsafe biopsy capsules | <input type="checkbox"/> Slide mailers | <input type="checkbox"/> Price list |

SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR BEST RESULTS

HISTOLOGY

The histological specimen container contains ready-for-use formalin fixative. There are postal regulations in place that limit the amount of formalin that can be mailed. To ensure compliance, please ensure that you only use the pots and containers supplied. Take care to avoid contact with skin or eyes or inhalation of fumes.

Large pieces of tissue

Do not trim off edges of possible tumours – these are the most important areas for the prognosis. If the tumour is very large, slice to aid fixative penetration or send a representative slice less than 1cm thick, including the edge with the smallest surgical margin. We recommend excision biopsy rather than cytological aspirates because results are more reliable.

Lymph nodes

Send whole. Ideally slice after pre-fixing for one hour. Whole nodes give more reliable results than aspirates.

Skin biopsies

Please send large (6-8mm diameter) punch or ellipse biopsies whenever possible. Biopsy slides need to be parallel, at right angles to the surface and the biopsy should reach the subcutaneous fat. (Cold sterilise punches to ensure they are sharp). Place biopsies subcutaneous (sticky) side down on a small piece of card or tongue depressor until adherent before adding to fixative. Include lesions at three stages.

Choose early lesions except in primary alopecias, when a large biopsy of a well developed lesion is most important (ellipse not punch and in direction of hair growth).

Hard or calcified tissues

Send soft tissue from the edges as we try to obtain a rapid diagnosis from this rather than waiting for full decalcification.

CYTOLOGY

Aspirates

Make smears, air dry and send in slide mailers. Keep away from formalin vapour (present in the plastic of histology sample containers).

Fluid samples

Send fluid in EDTA tubes. Also send two unstained, air-dried smears prepared from the fluid.

Request forms, fixative, packaging and pre-paid postage labels are sent on request on the understanding that they are used only for the submission of samples to Rest Associates.

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