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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

BCanisAuction

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Policy regarding approved Brucellosis tests for dogs sold at auction.

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Date:	11/15/2011
Entities	
Affected:	Dog Sellers Program Staff and Licensees
Subject:	Approved Brucellosis Tests for Dogs Sold at Auction

BACKGROUND

Under s. 173.41(8)(b), Stats no person who is required to be licensed under sub.(2) (Dog Sellers and Dog Facilities Operators) may sell at auction a dog that is not spayed or neutered without providing written proof that the dog has tested negative for brucellosis using a test approved by the department that was conducted no more than 30 days before the day of sale.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Serology, blood culture, tissue culture, and histopathology are valid modalities for detecting *Brucella canis* infection.

In order to qualify as an approved test meeting the requirements under s. 173.41 (8)(b), Stats, a canine brucellosis test must meeting the following requirements:

1. The test must be performed at a state or federally approved diagnostic laboratory or be performed under the direct supervision of an accredited veterinarian utilizing a canine brucellosis test licensed by USDA.
2. The test performed must be one of the following tests:
 - a. Serum screening tests:
 - Tube agglutination test (TAT)
 - Indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA)
 - Rapid slide agglutination test (RAST)
 - Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID)
 - b. Culture:
 - Blood culture
 - Tissue culture

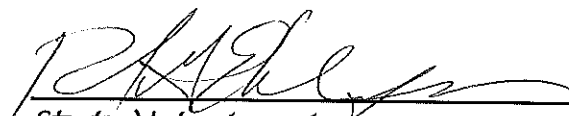
3. Puppies up to 6 months of age will require two negative serum samples at 4 week intervals.

Note: A puppy turning 6 months of age prior to the second test must still complete the second test.

The seller of the dog must provide the purchaser documentation of the negative test results in the form of a copy of a report from the laboratory conducting the test or a certification or written statement by the veterinarian conducting the test which includes:

- The date the test was conducted
- The test result
- The type of test performed and/or the manufacturer of the test
- The name of the laboratory or veterinarian performing the test.
- Identification of the dog

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