



MVDL Quality Assurance Performance Standards

For our Clients & Associates:

The Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL) is located in Bozeman, Montana and is administered by the Montana Department of Livestock.

The MVDL is accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) by meeting AAVLD Requirements for an Accredited Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and participating in on-site accreditation evaluation. The quality standard used for AAVLD accreditation is based on the World Organization for Animal Health - OIE Quality Standard and Guidelines for Veterinary Laboratories: Infectious Diseases, 2008.

MVDL has met the evaluation criteria and requirements to become an approved member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS). The MVDL Milk Program is also evaluated and accredited by the USDA Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

The MVDL Laboratory Director is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and an American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) Board Certified Veterinary Anatomic Pathologist; other Pathologists are also ACVP Board Certified/Eligible or PhD Veterinary Anatomic Pathologists.

Technical Supervisors and Technologists hold Bachelor of Science, Masters of Science or Doctorate degrees in their related fields. MVDL Clinical Pathology and Cytology testing is conducted by licensed Medical Technologists. MVDL Serology, Virology, Bacteriology, Molecular Diagnostics and Milk Program personnel are certified for regulatory testing.

MVDL technical staff routinely participates in proficiency testing programs, administered by USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Veterinary Laboratory Associates (VLA), Wisconsin Public Health Rabies Testing (WPHRT), AAVLD, FDA and NAHLN.

The MVDL Quality Management System is directed by a Quality Assurance Manager, who oversees the program and reports directly to the Laboratory Director.

MVDL's Quality Management System has been established to substantially meet AAVLD requirements and to document and monitor the assurance, accuracy and reliability of the diagnostic test services conducted within.

A copy of the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory's AAVLD accreditation and or NAHLN recognition is available upon request.

Quality Assurance Standards Authorized By:

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Tess Moore, Quality Assurance Manager

Date

