



DDLS *Ehrlichia canis* laboratory submission form and shipping guidelines

Ehrlichia canis is a nationally notifiable disease. For suspect *E. canis* cases, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Diagnostics and Laboratory Services (DDLS) requests submitting veterinarians complete all sections of the:

- DDLS *E. canis* laboratory submission form (this form) **and** the
- [DDLS animal disease investigation submission form](#).

Dog and owner details		
Dog's name		
Owner's name		
Owner's residential address	Street and #:	
	Suburb/town:	Postcode:
Dog's current location (if not same as above)		
Owner's phone/mobile number		
Owner's email address		
MAX dog number (if known from previous test)		
Previous testing	Laboratory name:	
	Laboratory number:	Date of testing:
Is the dog under a Pest Control Notice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Veterinary consultation and practice details		
Date of consultation		
Name of veterinary practice		
Email address		
Phone number		
Name of veterinarian		
Examination details		
Purpose of submission	<input type="checkbox"/> For initial diagnosis or rule out of <i>E. canis</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Retest of previously positive dog	
Are clinical signs consistent with <i>E. canis</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please specify the clinical signs		
Dog's usual place of residence (see map on page 2). If same as owner's residential address, write "as above"	Address: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Inside area where <i>E. canis</i> is known to be active <input type="checkbox"/> Outside area where <i>E. canis</i> is known to be active	
Name of town(s) visited by dog in past six months (circle on map on page 2 or identify by name)		
Name of town where infection, if present, is likely to have occurred (if unsure, leave blank)		



Map of *E. canis* areas in WA

Legend:

- Red outlined area:**
E. canis is known to be active in northern WA
- Orange shaded area:**
E. canis is not known to be active
- Shire boundary

Guidelines for shipping *E. canis* samples

- Before shipping *E. canis* samples to DDLS, complete the following forms in full:
 - **DDLS *E. canis* laboratory submission form** (this form) – one form for each dog sample submitted
 - [DDLS animal disease investigation submission form](#) (list all the samples in the package being sent).
- Place both forms in a sealed plastic bag/envelope and tape them to the outside of the esky.
- Package samples to prevent leakage in transit and to contain and absorb any leakage that could happen.
- **Do not** send specimens in glass bottles, poor-quality plastic containers, syringes or gloves.
- Pack samples in insulated containers with ice or freezer bricks.
 - Do not pack blood samples in direct contact with ice or freezer bricks.
 - Do not use frozen Ziplock bags as freezer bricks.
- **Do not send samples to arrive at the laboratory on the weekend or public holidays**, unless prior arrangements with the laboratory have been made.
- For further details on packaging and transport, visit the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging website and refer to [Requirements for the Packaging and Transport of Pathology Specimens and Associated Materials](#)

Submit samples and the requisite forms to: DDLS Specimen Reception, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, 3 Baron-Hay Court, South Perth WA 6151