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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Brucella canis testing

Thank you for your request for information of 26th July 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.

"I would like to know what values on the SAT test for Brucella canis are considered positive and what are considered negative please."

T Samples that give results from <1/25 to 1/50 are considered negative. Samples that give results of 2/50 or more are considered positive. The higher the titre, the greater the content of Brucella canis agglutinating antibodies are in the serum sample.

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Yours sincerely

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