

FAVN INFORMATION

The Serology-Virology lab at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine is recognized by the USDA to carry out FAVN Rabies Antibody Titer testing for export for pet travel.

WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR TRAVEL TO JAPAN

Follow this link for information regarding travel from the US to a foreign country:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

SAMPLE COLLECTION:

The animal must be microchipped before sample collection by a licensed veterinarian. The FAVN Rabies Antibody form must accompany the serum sample. The sample tube **MUST** be labeled with name & microchip number. Unlabeled tubes will not be processed. FAVN forms can be filled out online, which greatly aids in obtaining the correct information. Results are reported on this form.

SHIPPING:

Serum should be packed in a leak proof container with absorbent material. This package should be placed inside a second container on ice (gel packs). Samples should be clearly labeled with name & microchip number. Samples should not be in transit for more than 2 days. Ship via UPS or Federal Express. Please do not ship samples on Friday. A copy of the "FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST" form should be placed on the outside of the package for customs agents to keep if the shipment is from a country outside the United States; place the original form inside the package.

PAYMENT:

The FAVN rabies antibody test fee is \$65. The submitting clinic is considered our client and is responsible for payment. Fees may be paid by check (payable to Department of Pathobiology), credit card (Visa & MasterCard only), or money order. To pay by credit card please call (334) 844-2690.

RESULTS:

The FAVN rabies antibody test is set up every Monday and the results are usually ready on Thursday of the same week. We send the final report via FAX and/or email to the submitting clinic. If a paper copy is required, we can send via FedEx for an additional fee. For some destinations, we can send the final report directly to the export destination via FAX and/or email. That information can be included on the FAVN form when identifying the "DESTINATION OF ANIMAL BEING EXPORTED."

For additional information, please contact the lab at virology@vetmed.auburn.edu, or (334) 844-2659.