Sample Submission Form for Tortoise Mycoplasma Testing

Mycoplasma Research Laboratory, University of Florida

Species of animal(s): ______________________________________

County and state of origin (free-ranging only): ____________________________

Date of sample(s): ______________________________________

Identification #(s): ______________________________________

Is this animal awaiting relocation? Yes ☐ No ☐

NOTE: Price discounts (20%) are available for larger numbers of samples (>20) that are submitted for testing or for large volume contracts. Large volume costs are reduced; discounted costs are $28/assay; $11 for dilution curve; $45 for both *M. agassizii* & *M. testudineum*.

Test requested (please check appropriate box):

☐ ELISA serology for *Mycoplasma agassizii* - $35 each. This is the most commonly used test to detect exposure to *M. agassizii*, a cause of URTD in tortoises; submit serum or plasma.

☐ ELISA serology for *Mycoplasma testudineum* - $35 each. This test detects exposure to a second species of mycoplasma that can be associated with URTD and eye infections; submit serum or plasma. Please note that this test has not been extensively validated at this time.

☐ NEW 20% DISCOUNT for ELISA serology for both *M. agassizii* & *M. testudineum* - $56 per sample. Discount applies to a single plasma sample being tested for antibodies to both pathogens.

☐ ELISA serum dilution curves - $14 each

☐ Culture/PCR - $35 each. To avoid false negative results, this test is recommended primarily for clinically ill animals with active nasal discharge; submit choanal swab (preferred), nasal lavage or nasal swab (only if clinical signs are present).

☐ PCR sequence if amplicon obtained and RFLP suggests new species - $35.

Person submitting sample(s): ______________________________________

Report results to:

Phone: ___________________ Email: ___________________ Fax: _____________

Preferred method of getting results (check one) ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Mail

Preferred method of billing (check one) ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Mail

Name & address of person to be billed:

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Please ship samples from Monday to Thursday only:

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***Please label tubes with investigator’s name, tortoise species, tortoise identification name/number, and date sample collected.***

***NOTE: Federal Express is the only carrier that delivers directly to our laboratory. Other carriers deliver to the VMTH, and samples may take 1-2 days to be delivered to our lab. In such cases, the quality of the samples may be compromised.***