Shipping:
- FedEx Overnight shipping, Monday-Thursday only

Contact information:
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- Dr. Mary Brown
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ELISA testing
- Serum or Plasma, NO whole blood accepted
- Send on Ice Packs
  - Can be sent on dry ice with swabs
- We need a minimum of 1/10mL for testing
  - If sending a small amount please parafilm top to reduce evaporation
- Serum can be stored at -20°C
  - 4°C Overnight

Culture/PCR Testing for Tortoises
- We accept:
  - Choanal (preferred, and best sample), Nasal Flush, Swab, and tissues (please email prior to sending tissues).
  - If testing another animal besides tortoise/turtle and/or Tissue, please call in advance to make sure we can test/accept that sample in our laboratory.
    - Please see our “2018 Mycoplasma submission form” for some broad categories of species we offer testing for.
  - Store samples in ultralow until shipping. If ultralow is not available, ship immediately on dry ice. If this is not possible call us for recommendations.
  - **Ship on DRY ICE! This is very important**
    - This will prevent false negatives
    - If sample is warm on arrival we will call to verify if you’d still like the sample to be tested

Culture/PCR Testing for Bovine, Small animal, Lab Animal, Etc.
- 16s rRNA identification is in the event of a positive Culture and PCR isolation.
- Please call/Email: Alexandra Burne or Dr. Mary Brown if you are unsure about collection methods.
- Please provide as much detail on submission form as possible.
  - Call ahead if need be, we are happy to assist!
- **Note:** Bovine testing has a separate submission form.