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: Volume discounts and discounts for combined ELISA serology for M. agassizii & M. testudineum are currently not available due to changes in materials and overhead costs.

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.
☐ 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:
Dr. Mary Brown
University of Florida
Dept. of Infectious Disease and Pathology
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Lab contact: Alex Burne, burnea@ufl.edu

***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.

For laboratory use only
Date Received: ___________ Samples cold: ☐ Yes ☐ No
No. ELISA: ______________ Comments: ________________________________________
No. Culture/PCR: ___________