

**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.

↑↑ **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:

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**

*****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: _____ _____