**DDLS *Ehrlichia canis* laboratory submission form and shipping guidelines**

*Ehrlichia canis* is a nationally notifiable disease. For suspect *E. canis* cases, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Diagnostics and Laboratory Services (DDLS) requests submitting veterinarians complete all sections of the:

* DDLS *E. canis* laboratory submission form (this form) **and** the
* [DDLS animal disease investigation submission form](https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/sites/gateway/files/DDLS%20animal%20disease%20investigation%20submission%20form_compatible%20format.pdf).

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| *E. canis* diagnostic test fee determination  |
| Are clinical signs consistent with *E. canis*? [ ] Yes **(charge exempt)** [ ] No **(fee payable)**If yes, please specify the clinical signs |
| Dog and owner details |
| Dog’s name |  |
| Owner’s name |  |
| Owner’s residential address | Street and #: |  |
| Suburb/town: | Postcode: |
| Dog’s current location (if not same as above) |  |
| Owner’s phone/mobile number |  |
| Owner’s email address |  |
| MAX dog number (if known from previous test) |  |
| **Veterinary consultation and practice details** |
| Date of consultation |  |
| Name of veterinary practice |  |
| Name of veterinarian |  |
| **Examination details** |
| Purpose of submission | [ ]  For initial diagnosis or rule out of *E. canis* | [ ]  Retest of previously positive dog |
| Dog’s usual place of residence (see map on page 2). If same as owner’s residential address, write “as above” | Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[ ] Inside area where *E. canis* is known to be active[ ] Outside area where *E. canis* is known to be active |
| Name of town(s) visited by dog in past six months (circle on map on page 2 or identify by name) |  |
| Name of town where infection, if present, is likely to have occurred (if unsure, leave blank) |  |

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**Guidelines for shipping *E. canis* samples**

* Before shipping *E. canis* samples to DDLS, complete the following forms in full:
	+ [**DDLS *E. canis***](https://objective.agric.wa.gov.au:443/id%3AA5670988/document/versions/latest)**laboratory** **submission form**(this form) – one form for each dog sample submitted
	+ [**DDLS animal disease investigation submission form**](https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/sites/gateway/files/DDLS%20animal%20disease%20investigation%20submission%20form_compatible%20format.pdf)(list all the samples in the package being sent).
* Place both forms in a sealed plastic bag/envelope and tape them to the outside of the esky.
* Package samples to prevent leakage in transit and to contain and absorb any leakage that could happen.
* **Do not** send specimens in glass bottles, poor-quality plastic containers, syringes or gloves.
* Pack samples in insulated containers with ice or freezer bricks.
	+ Do not pack blood samples in direct contact with ice or freezer bricks.
	+ Do not use frozen Ziplock bags as freezer bricks.
* **Do not send samples to arrive at the laboratory on the weekend or public holidays**, unless prior arrangements with the laboratory have been made.
* **Submit samples and the requisite forms to:** DDLS Specimen Reception, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, 3 Baron-Hay Court, South Perth WA 6151