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## Cryptococcus Surveillance Project

Veterinarians and Certified Veterinary Technicians,

I am pleased to announce that the Acute and Communicable Disease Program, within Oregon's Department of Public Health, has been awarded funding for the surveillance of Cryptococcus in the Pacific Northwest.



Domestic and wild animals such as cats, dogs, ferrets and llamas can occasionally become infected with Cryptococcus. Symptoms in animals include a runny nose, lumps under the skin and infections of the lungs or nervous system. These are sometimes fatal. If your patient has these symptoms, we can test for Cryptococcus at OSU .

We are contacting you in hopes that you would be willing to participate in this prospective study by sending in samples of suspected cases to Oregon State University for further analysis. The grant award will allow us to be able to assist in offsetting the cost of transporting the samples to the OSU lab and the cost to culture the samples. No charge to you.

Oregon State University requires a routine a swab in transport media (culturettes) (not refrigerated), sent by regular mail with the accession form - the form needs to mention "Special Cryptococcus Study" use the VDL link to open the form) to:

Oregon State University  
PO BOX 429  
Corvallis, OR 97339

We are very excited about learning more about Cryptococcus and sincerely hope that you will be able to assist us in this important study. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact Dr. Emilio DeBess at (971) 673-1111, or [Emilio.e.DeBess@state.or.us](mailto:Emilio.e.DeBess@state.or.us).

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