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MRSA Surveillance Project

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Dear Veterinarians,

The Acute and Communicable Disease Program, within Oregon's Department of Public Health, is interested in obtaining MRSA isolates from animals in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Domestic such as cats, dogs and horses occasionally may become infected with MRSA. Symptoms may or may not be present and could animals could be asymptomatic carriers. In some cases, animals may present with wound infections, that regardless of antibiotic therapy, may not heal or it may take a long time to heal. If your patient has these symptoms, we can test for MRSA at OSU. The test is FREE and a swab of the sample should be placed in a carrier media of the wound and an oral or anal swab should also be collected.

We are contacting you in hopes that you would be willing to participate in this surveillance project by sending in samples of suspected cases to Oregon State University for further analysis. Please use the VDL form that is provided on the web page.

The will 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.

If you have further questions, please contact me at Emilio.e.debess@state.or.us or call 971-673-1111

Thank you

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