

Helminth presentation

During the question time after the presentation, the question was raised with respect to serology testing of personnel in veterinary practices. I advised that I had made contact with the National Institute of Communicable Diseases and they had confirmed that there is a test available and that this can be arranged with the National Health Lab Service in Braamfontein. The details of this are as follows:

There is a Toxocara ES IgG ELISA test available from the National Health Lab Service. It is done at the Central NHLS Serology Lab, Braamfontein, telephone number 011 489 9412. I was advised that the price in 2011 was between R 92,00 and R 120,00 depending on whether the payment was from the state, a cash payment or medical aid rates. There is a commercial kit available, thus there is a possibility that if a practice approached one of the main pathological laboratories like Ampath or Lancet that these tests could be done through that facility.