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Dear Dr:

Thank you for your continued use of the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory. In the course of doing business, we would like to hear from you about our service, currently available tests, and new testing that we could develop in order to help keep our service as relevant as possible to the needs of your practice.

Based on requests from some of you, we have designed a sample kit to aid your diagnostic work-up of livestock abortions. This kit contains whirl-pack bags, blood tubes, syringes, needles, a jar of formalin, an accession form, an instruction card, chill packs, shipping box, and an instruction card that outlines the best samples to take from aborted livestock fetus. This kit will be available through this laboratory for \$25.

On the horizon, we are making a videotape of the necropsy procedure for the livestock fetus for our practitioners. Additionally, based on requests from a number of you, we have nearly completed development of a serum assay for Brucella ovis exposure. This test will be competitively priced and should be available within 6 months. Additionally, to improve our communications, the WSVL has obtained a new computerized case reporting system. We hope that this new system, which will allow much more rapid reporting of results as well as search capabilities, will be on-line by 1 July 2000. I will be approaching some of you in the interim to get input on our new report format.

As we develop our new reports, it occurred to us that we are lacking a distinctive logo for the laboratory. Along that line, we have initiated a contest open to you, your staff, and our students to suggest a logo for the WSVL. The winning submission will be selected by a select committee and will receive a \$100 prize. Please submit a sketch by June 1, 2000 so we can announce a winner by the summer meeting of the WVMA. Please share this announcement with your staff, their participation is encouraged! Good Luck and Thanks!

We would like to hear from you. Please comment about how we can improve service, new tests that may be useful, or other related issues. I hope to develop this note into a regular newsletter to go out to our regular clients. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please call, send an email, write, or visit us anytime!

Sincerely,

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