

Dear all horse lovers.

As you all know AHS is here again and we need all your cooperation to fight this disease.

The South African Equine Research department offers a free service to all horse owners to diagnose AHS and identify the strain – within one day you know if your horse is AHS positive and which strain involved so that you can boost the other horses with the correct vaccine. We need blood in EDTA (lilac) and red top. The samples can be send to Windhoek Veterinary Clinic and we forward them – the horse owner must pay the courier or part of it.

From dead horses we need lymph nodes, spleen, lung or a part of skin.

We still need samples for the Italia research at the central veterinary laboratory – Blood Edta (lilac top) and red top and dead horses.

Last year the Italians isolated strain 4, 5 and 9 as the main cause of death in or horses. Unfortunately 5 and 9 is not in the OP vaccine. The Italians have produced a dead vaccine (Strain 4, 5 and 9)but it is not registered yet and will hopefully come on the market in the future

Kind regards

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