

## **Pet Allergy Laboratory Inc. Obtains License Agreement with North Carolina State University**

NEW EQUINE ALLERGY TESTS NOW AVAILABLE.

**AUSTIN, Texas. — July 1, 2006 —** Pet Allergy Laboratory Inc. (PAL) today announced the completion of a licensing agreement with North Carolina State University for the use of a monoclonal antibody specific for Equine IgE. In October 2004, a similar agreement was executed for the University's monoclonal antibody technology to be employed in performing veterinary allergy testing in Canines and Felines. This new agreement will provide Pet Allergy Laboratory the opportunity to expand test options and address the growing need for veterinary diagnostic testing for allergic disease in horses.

Allergies in horses can be responsible for a diverse array of respiratory and dermatological symptoms including COPD, cough, heaves, exercise intolerance, roaring hives, atopic dermatitis and head shaking to name a few.

ELISA technology has proven to be a convenient alternative to traditional intradermal skin testing. Intradermal skin tests performed on horses are difficult to interpret due to the pigmentation and sensitive nature of equine skin. Additionally, specialists who perform the testing are not always available or conveniently located. Also, skin testing typically involves sedation, shaving of the test area and a withdrawal period from antihistamines and steroids. However, ELISA testing at Pet Allergy Laboratory requires only a simple blood sample that may be taken by any practitioner without the inconvenience of a drug withdrawal period.

PAL's expanded test menu utilizes monoclonal antibody based ELISA assays for an array of IgE specific allergy tests for Equines, Canines and Felines. PAL currently serves veterinarians across the United States, Canada and Argentina.

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