

**TO:** Clients of Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory

**FROM:** Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (LADDL)

**DATE:** February 16, 2009

**RE:** *Anaplasma platys* IFA test

As of March 1, 2009, LADDL will not be able to offer clients the ***Anaplasma platys* IFA Test** for detection of antibodies. We will be offering an *Anaplasma platys* PCR test. The testing schedule will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a 24 hour turnaround time. The cost of the PCR test is \$42.00. Specimen for testing should be 2 mls of whole blood in an EDTA vacutainer tube shipped on cold pack.

**Note:**

**Because *Anaplasma platys* is tested for in the Tick Borne Disease Antibody Profile, Canine Anemia/Thrombocytopenia Panel, and Canine Fever of Unknown Origin Antibody Profile , you must submit 2mls of whole blood in an EDTA tube along with the serum in the red top vacutainer tube.**

We hope to offer the *Anaplasma platys* IFA Assay again in the future and will notify you when available.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

If you have any questions please call 225-578-9777