

Seoul Virus Testing

Hill Street Veterinary Hospital provides testing for the Seoul Virus via OptiSpot from Idexx Bioresearch. You can obtain a free kit with 25 tests on-line at <http://www.idexxbioresearch.com/opti-spot-sop>.

If you are bringing more than 5 rats for testing, we recommend that you order a kit of your own to bring with you. If you are unable to obtain a test kit prior to your appointment, please inform Hill Street so that we can make sure we have proper supplies.

To make an Appointment

Call (717) 843-6060

Hill Street Veterinary Hospital
555 Hill Street
York, PA 17403

Standard Procedure

Upon arrival, park in the back parking lot.

Call the front office to inform us that you have arrived (717-843-6060).

Do NOT bring the rats into the building. A staff member will come to you to complete paperwork.

Dr. Lauren Feroli will greet you at your vehicle; perform the blood draw and application of the blood to the test card. Pet owners are responsible for restraining their own rats. The owner assumes all responsibility and liability for escaped animals.

Pet owners are responsible for shipping the test kits to Idexx. Instructions are provided in the kits.

Results

Test results will come directly to Hill Street Veterinary Hospital. A Hill Street Veterinary Hospital staff member will contact you with the results.

Transportation

Each rat should have its own carrier (plastic).

DO NOT USE BEDDING.

Cover each carrier with a towel. The towel decreases the risk of the virus being transferred through the air.

Rats from different households/facilities/buildings should NOT be transported in the same vehicle.

Costs

The costs are variable depending on the number of rats you are bringing:

1 Rat - \$76
2 Rats - \$94
3 Rats - \$112
4 Rats - \$130
5 Rats - \$148
10 Rats - \$238
20 Rats - \$418

The prices assume no complications. Extra fees are not anticipated but may apply.

Owner is responsible for shipping completed tests to Idexx per the instructions provided in the test kit.

Owner is responsible for the charges by Idexx to run the tests (\$11/rat).

Please contact the CDC Hanta Virus Hotline directly at (877) 232-3322 for questions about the virus and exposure. They are the experts. You can also reference www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/outbreaks/seoul-virus

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