



Burden of Canine Brucellosis Information Collection

There has been increasing concern among both human and animal health groups regarding the potential human health impact of *Brucella canis*. Both the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and the American Veterinary Medical Association have published position statements on *Brucella canis*. These statements urge for the development of diagnostic assays, improve communication and data sharing between Departments of Health and Agriculture, and advocate for the continued commitment of state and federal agencies to the eradication of brucellosis in all species.

Due to this interest, but lack of data regarding the prevalence of canine brucellosis in the United States, the CDC is collecting information from veterinary diagnostic laboratories to estimate the burden of canine disease. Results from this assessment will be used to determine the need for human studies, and locations of higher prevalence.

The assessment, titled "Burden of Canine Brucellosis Information Collection", was sent to veterinary diagnostic laboratories the week of [DATE, 2015]. Through piloting of the assessment, we estimate completion to take approximately 1 hour. We request assessments be completed by DATE.

Information obtained from this assessment will help gain important information about canine brucellosis. We hope the results from this assessment will help 1) to estimate the burden of canine brucellosis in the United State and 2) to inform the need for future human studies.

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