

Infographic Description: Canine Brucellosis Testing Recommendations for Veterinarians

For dogs showing clinical signs of brucellosis:

- Start with an antibody screening test such as the Rapid Slide Agglutination Test (RSAT), which is good for average-risk dogs.
 - Negative results can be trusted to be negative.
 - False positives are common.
 - Follow up with the Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) test to confirm any positive test results.

Screening dogs at a higher risk of brucellosis:

Perform multiple tests over a period of time. Note: Testing dogs under six months of age is not recommended.

- Start testing at six months of age.
- Test again at 12 weeks after the last known exposure.
- If a puppy is at a higher risk of infection, test again:
 - Six months post-exposure.
 - One year post-exposure.

Image: Happy cartoon dog wearing lab coat, gloves, and protective eyewear. He is holding a filled pipette over a Rapid Slide Agglutination Test slide.

Report any confirmed positive results to the Board.

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