

Serology

- 1 tube for serum (at least 50 µl for the S-panel, 90 µl for the L-panel)
- Alternative: Blood Spot Card (one spot is needed for up to 9 serological examinations)

Microbiology

- 2 microbiology swabs with transport medium (e.g. amies agar) for oral and anal smear
- 1 tube for fecal sample for PCR
- Eventually 1 tube for fur sample (mycology)

Parasitology

- 1 tube for fecal sample (moistened with 1 drop of 0,9% NaCl solution)
- adhesive tape for detection of ectoparasites
 - use a piece of transparent adhesive tape to collect scales attached to the animal's skin and/or hair
 - take samples from at least the following areas: behind the ears, the flank and the back
 - The tape should then be carefully stuck onto the microscope glass slide, trying to avoid creases/air bubbles
- Optionally 2nd adhesive tape for detection of scabies mites (deep skin scrape)
- Adhesive tape for detection of *Syphacia* sp.
 - use a piece of transparent adhesive tape to take samples from the perianal region
- Optionally 1 fecal pellet for detection of *Trichomonas* sp. per PCR

Virology- Rabbit

- 1 dry oral swab without medium for PCR testing for RHDV

Examination is not possible by in-vivo testing for the following agents recommended by FELASA because tissue samples would be required

- *Pneumocystis* spp. (needs lung tissue)
- *Protozoa* sp. (needs sampling from duodenum and caecum), except *Trichomonas* sp. (PCR)
- Bacteria outlying the nasopharynx, colon and carcass (e.g. *Clostridium* sp. in the intestine tissue), except *Clostridium piliforme* (ELISA)

Please send samples cooled and double packaged to: GVG

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