

Tips & Tricks #11



Pink eye (*Moraxella bovis*)

Over the last month we have received several calls about cases of pink eye and the best sample to confirm infection.

To confirm infection send us a fresh conjunctival swab placed in bacterial transport media. There are numerous contaminating bacteria colonising the damaged tissue and as such *Moraxella* is susceptible to overgrowth by these organisms. To maximise the chance of a positive culture submit culture swabs from several affected animals (3-5), keep the samples cool (ship on ice on warm days) and submit the sample as soon as possible after collection.

