



### **NEW PRICE LIST (Replacing March 2005)**

A new price list will shortly be in place for QML Pathology Vetnostics. Overall these price changes reflect movement in the CPI; however some referred tests have increased as a result of changes by the referred laboratory. This new pricing becomes active as of 2 October.



### **RELOCATION TO NEW LABORATORY (MURARRIE)**

It is four months since QML Pathology moved into a new state-of-the-art laboratory. Four years in the planning, this facility is one of the largest purpose-built laboratories in the Southern Hemisphere. With a dedicated area for Vetnostics testing, the scope of this facility allows you to benefit from access to all the facilities associated with a major human pathology laboratory.

While we have tried to minimise disruption to our service during this time, we are aware it has resulted in some delays to sample delivery and making contact with our laboratory staff. Stephen Smith, QML Vetnostics Manager, has been taking steps to overcome this and remains confident that these issues are now well in hand.

QML Pathology Vetnostics is committed to providing a service that exceeds your expectations. If you have any enquiries regarding tests, or would like to discuss aspects of our service, please don't hesitate to contact Stephen on (07) 3121 4583.

Inside and outside the new state-of-the-art Central Brisbane Laboratory, Murarrie.

### **COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND SCHOOL OF VETERINARY SCIENCE**

Recently QML Pathology has made a collaborative arrangement with the University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science. In an exciting step for both organisations, QML Pathology Vetnostics has committed to funding a Registrar and Intern in anatomic veterinary pathology. The Registrar position has been assumed by Brett Stone, with Helen Owen taking an Internship position.

As a result of this collaboration Brett will be undertaking the histopathology and cytology cases for QML Pathology (a continuation of a process he was already involved in with Ian Wilkie). This affiliation allows him to continue his teaching and case commitments for the University, while having the ability to discuss more difficult cases with his UQ colleagues. In addition to this Brett will be submitting interesting cases for teaching material. Brett works out of the QML Pathology Central Brisbane Laboratory on a daily basis, which has resulted in enhanced turnaround times for your clients. Further to this, Brett will be involved in the development of special immunohistochemistry stains. This work will be done in conjunction with QML Pathology, which has the highest throughput of these stains in Australia.

Coinciding with Brett's appointment is Helen's internship. Through the appointment of both these positions, QML Pathology is continuing to invest in the future of Australian veterinary pathology. Further to this we are supporting the ongoing growth of UQ's Veterinary School, under the direction of the Professor Jim Rothwell.



Dr Brett Stone, new Registrar working with QML Pathology Vetnostics team.

### **DR BRETT STONE B.VSc(Hons) B.Biomed.Sc(Hons) MACVSc**

Prior to commencing BVSc studies, Brett completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Class I Honours at James Cook University of North Queensland. His honours research was in the field of Microbiology and Immunology and focused on the detection of *Helicobacter pylori* in domestic cats. Having graduated from the University of Queensland with BVSc Class I Honours in 2001, Brett spent two years working with a mixed animal practice in Brisbane. Following this, Brett returned to The University of Queensland in order to undertake an internship in veterinary pathology. Whilst completing his internship, Brett also enrolled in a research MPhil investigating the colonisation and excretion of *Escherichia coli* serotype O157 in adult cattle. Brett continues to teach undergraduate BVSc students in the areas of anatomical and clinical pathology. Recently attaining membership qualifications with the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in the area of Veterinary Pathology, Brett has a special interest in veterinary microbiology and cytology.

### **HELEN OWEN BVMS**

Helen graduated from Murdoch University in 1999, working in a small animal practice for three years. Following this she returned to Murdoch University, recently completing her PhD thesis on the epidemiology of Rickettsial diseases in Western Australia. As of April 2006, Helen commenced a two year veterinary pathology internship funded by QML Pathology Vetnostics.

#### **Contact Vetnostics**

Below are the contact details for our Vetnostics team:

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