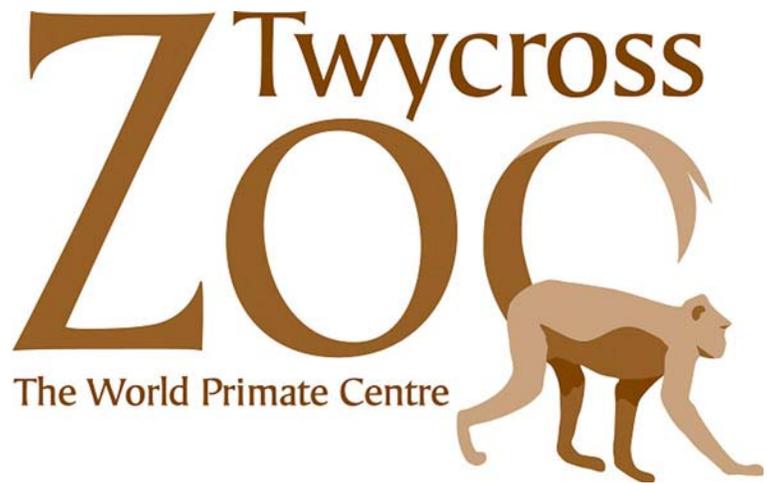


21 May 2007



Dear Colleagues

Re: Wildlife Disease Surveillance Project

Twycross Zoo and The Nottingham University School of Veterinary Medicine are proposing a joint EU project on the identification of re-emerging pathogens in wildlife populations. This would involve the development of a single microarray test that would encompass detection of a variety of antigen tests for many of the pathogens of critical importance to animal and human health.

We are seeking advice and consultation from our colleagues and partners working on wildlife throughout Europe, and wildlife structures worldwide, as to both the scope and maximising the value of a large-scale wildlife surveillance project, and also as to their willingness to collaborate.

Enclosed with this letter is a form which I hope you will complete and return. It is very simple and designed to capture the level of interest of potential partners and the importance with which our colleagues rate the myriad of potential pathogens.

If you are interested in collaborating in this project we will then consult with you further as to the precise nature and the level of project support that will be available.

Do feel free to pass this letter and form to other colleagues and institutions that may be interested.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Suzanne I. Boardman'.

Suzanne I. Boardman BVMS MRCVS
Zoo Director

INDICATION OF INTEREST IN WILDLIFE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROJECT

NAME

ORGANISATION

PROJECT : Using New Technologies to identify (re-)emerging pathogens in wildlife populations.

This is a large collaborative project to involve between 18 and 24 partners.

1. In principle, would you be interested in collaborating on this project YES NO

2. Please list other organisations we should contact regarding possible collaboration

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3. Please identify the top five (re-)emerging pathogens on which you would like further information on prevalence in wildlife populations in regard to your own work/disease control issues

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4. Please list the top ten (re-)emerging pathogens that you believe should be the priority for European disease control for humans and animals

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