SAMPLE /SPECIMEN RETENTION PERIOD

TEST NAME	SAMPLE/SPECIMEN	RETENTION PERIOD	RETENTION CONDITION
HEMATOLOGY	Blood	24 hours	2-8°C
	Clinically significant Blood Films (Slides)	6 months	RT
BIOCHEMISTRY	Serum/plasma	24 hours	2-8°C
DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGY	Serum/Plasma samples for rapid test	24 hours	2-8°C
	Faeces/eye swabs	24 hours	2-8°C
	Serum samples for ELISA	3 days	2-8°C
SEROLOGY	All type of samples examined	24 hours	2-8°C
MICROBIOLOGY	Swabs, Specimens/other materials examined	3 days	2-8°C
PARASITOLOGY	Skin/feather	24 hours	2-8°C
	Fecal/tissue for AFB	24 hours	2-8°C
	Clinically significant slides (AFB)	6 months	RT
	Formalin fixed tissues	30 days	RT
HISTOPATHOLOGY	Slides	1 year	RT
	Blocks	1 year	RT
CYTOLOGY	Clinically significant slides	1 year	RT
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	All types of samples tested	48 hours	2-8°C
	Clinically significant samples and extracted nucleic acids of the relevant samples	1 year	-80°C

Note: RT denotes Room Temperature (15-27°C)