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NEWS ALERT

IDEXX Laboratories Launches New VetStat™ Electrolyte and Blood Gas Analyzer

The IDEXX VetStat™ is the first blood gas instrument modified specifically for veterinary use

WESTBROOK, Maine, July 1, 2005 — IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (NASDAQ: IDXX), announced today the launch of the new VetStat™ Electrolyte and Blood Gas Analyzer, the first in-house blood gas analyzer modified specifically for veterinarians. This new diagnostic instrument will help practitioners analyze blood gases, ionized calcium, anion gap and electrolytes.

The portable analyzer runs single-use disposable cassettes, providing fast and accurate results that allow veterinarians and technicians to quickly determine fluid therapy choices, analyze acid-base balance, and measure respiratory function, ionized calcium and electrolytes. The analyzer has been validated for canine, feline and equine testing, and can be run on whole-blood, serum or plasma samples. The VetStat analyzer's touch-screen, convenient veterinary-specific menu options and programmed animal reference ranges make it simple to operate.



“The IDEXX VetStat Analyzer will provide veterinarians with a quick and easy way to assess blood gases and electrolytes in dogs, cats and horses. The innovative technology and species-specific reference ranges provide the accuracy needed to clinically evaluate and treat the critical veterinary patient. Moreover, the ability to monitor an animal’s anion gap and acid-base status will allow veterinarians to individualize fluid therapy and improve patient outcomes,” said Michelle Kahn, MS, DVM, IDEXX Laboratories. “It is well-established that these chemistries must be analyzed immediately to provide the most accurate results. The VetStat analyzer now provides veterinarians with the ability to do this easily and inexpensively in-house.”

The VetStat Analyzer Saves Time

Kahn also points to efficiency and accuracy as key benefits of the new analyzer. Its additional time-saving benefits include:

- *Analysis time:* <120 seconds
- *Automatic sampling:* blood is aspirated directly from a syringe or capillary tube so there is little preparation before the sample is introduced; 125 µL or only a capillary tube of blood is needed
- *Room-temperature storage:* reagents are stored at room temperature and do not require time to warm before use, which opens up coveted refrigeration space
- *Pre-sample calibration:* cassette-specific calibration data is scanned before the user introduces the sample, eliminating losses due to calibration errors
- *AC/Battery-operated:* allows veterinarians to use the analyzer in the surgery room and in mobile clinics

The VetStat Analyzer Saves Money

According to IDEXX Vice President Michael Williams, the VetStat analyzer is a more cost-effective alternative to human-based instruments, with low-cost consumables and menus designed specifically for veterinary use. Additional money-saving benefits include:

- *Low-cost consumables:* consumables are designed to include only the tests necessary for specific veterinary diagnoses
- *Single-use consumables:* smaller package size, with cassettes in sets of 12, reduces the risk of expired consumables and allows veterinarians to establish a set price on single cassettes

“We are learning more about the importance of blood gas analysis in emergency, critical care and everyday veterinary practice, so this tool will really help veterinarians determine diagnosis and treatment evaluations more efficiently and accurately in the future,” said Williams.

To ensure that veterinarians fully understand and appreciate the benefits of the VetStat analyzer, IDEXX has developed a variety of educational resources for the VetStat owner. For more information or to order, call IDEXX at 1-800-582-7354, contact your authorized IDEXX distributor or visit www.idexx.com/vetstat.

About IDEXX Laboratories

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. is a leader in companion animal health, serving practicing veterinarians around the world with innovative, technology-based offerings, including a broad range of diagnostic products and services, practice-management systems and therapeutics. Our products enhance the ability of veterinarians to provide advanced medical care and to build more economically successful practices. IDEXX is also a worldwide leader in providing diagnostic tests and information for the production animal industry and tests for the quality and safety of water and milk. Headquartered in Westbrook, Maine, IDEXX Laboratories employs more than 3,000 people and offers products to customers in over 100 countries.

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