

The practitioner and research laboratory- a symbiotic relationship?

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- The role of the practitioner
- Husbandry and disease
- Knowing the normal



- Cost and benefit

- So what is a research laboratory?
- When is the daily work seen as research?
- Who is the client?
- What are the needs?
- Outcome based.

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VLA is internationally recognised as a centre of excellence in veterinary research. We provide a wide range of applied research and consultancy, diagnosis and surveillance on livestock diseases to Government and commercial customers. VLA is a reference laboratory for many farm animal diseases.

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New images of the pathology showing seroconversion in the first 3 UK cattle cases at VLA Bury St Edmunds.

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About Us: Introduction

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- Research from practice.

- The future.
- Animal side tests?
- Notifiable disease/ state based surveillance?
- Routine physiological and pathological surveillance?



The results aren't always pretty but they can be surprising!