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## ARI Begins Offering BVDV Testing

ARI is excited to be able to immediately begin offering BVDV testing of alpacas through our genetic testing vendor, Geneseek.

The cost of this new service will be \$25.00 per test and the really exciting part is that these tests will be completed using the same DNA blood cards that we use for DNA testing. In fact, if you choose to do so, you can even request a BVDV test at the same time as registering a new alpaca.

This is a service that members requested that we begin offering during our strategic planning process last year. The software is now complete and ready for use. When registering a new alpaca, you will be given the option to add a BVDV test to that transaction if you choose to do so. In addition, there are two ways to request a test for an alpaca that has already been registered. The first way is to go to 'View My...Alpacas' and click on an alpaca. You will now have a new tab that says 'BVDV View'. In this tab you will be able to request a test on that alpaca and also view any previous test results for that alpaca. The second way is to use the 'I want to...Request BVDV Tests' menu to see a list of your alpacas, where you can select multiple alpacas to have tested at once.

Here are some things to remember:

- Fill out your blood card before drawing the blood and putting it on the card
- Be sure to write 'BVDV Test' on the card or we won't know that it is a BVDV test. Future card designs will have a check box available
- The blood samples must be received by ARI within 2-3 weeks from the time the sample is taken in order to be used for BVDV testing
- Have the blood cards available before requesting online because you will need to enter the bar code number just like you do for a registration
- Results will be available online for you to download, we will also send you an email, and we will mail you a paper copy
- If BVDV is present in the sample, you will receive a phone call notifying you and requesting additional testing
- BVDV testing will follow the same testing schedule as DNA tests, which is about 7-10 days from the time we receive the card
- **Most Importantly:** We cannot provide rushed testing and as a result, our testing should NOT be used if you think you have an outbreak. If you have an emergency, please use the other testing vendors that are available