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Roger's Record News

SMA Gene Test Now Available at Maxxam

The gene test for SMA is now available through the Brown Swiss Association with the tests being conducted at the Maxxam laboratory. Maxxam currently processes all Brown Swiss DNA parentage verification samples. The cost of the SMA test is \$53.00. All requests for either parentage verification or SMA testing at Maxxam must be made through the

Brown Swiss Association. All results will be recorded on the association's records.

SMA testing through GeneControl in Germany will continue to be accepted as official. However, beginning with tests run by GeneControl after November 1, all samples must be accompanied by a declaration from BSCBA that permits and requires GeneControl to notify BSCBA-USA of all test results. These results will be permanently recorded at the association. Thus contact with BSCBA-USA prior to sending sam-

ples to GeneControl after November 1 will be necessary. All animals will be required to be registered at the time of testing to ensure proper recording of the test results.

Blood samples are preferred for all testing and one sample can be used for both SMA testing and parentage verification. Hair samples are acceptable if only conducting the SMA test. For animals with stored samples, the SMA test may be run from those samples. Please contact the association office for details.