

Alert: SC Dog Confirmed with SARS-CoV-2

On July 16, 2020, Clemson University Livestock Poultry Health (LPH) reported that a Charleston County dog has been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in humans.

Dr. Boyd Parr, state veterinarian and director of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health (LPH), said a private veterinarian decided to test the dog – an 8- or 9-year-old shepherd mix – for SARS-CoV-2 after one of its owners was confirmed to have COVID-19.

Veterinary findings indicated the dog had a chronic health condition.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the virus in the dog July 9th. Clemson LPH and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) continue to investigate this case with USDA and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assure any information relevant to COVID-19 is documented.

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Routine testing of animals is not recommended at this time. The CDC includes more information about testing animals on its website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/animal-testing.html>.