

Here are the short answers for all "Q.3" questions from the 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019, and 2018 veterinary pathology papers.

## 2024 Exam (Q.3)

**3.1 Farcy** Farcy is the cutaneous (skin) form of **Glanders**, a zoonotic disease of equines caused by *Burkholderia mallei*. It is characterized by the formation of pyogranulomatous nodules ("farcy buds") along the lymphatic vessels of the limbs and body, which ulcerate and discharge thick, oily pus.

**3.2 Laboratory diagnosis of Rabies** The gold standard is the **Fluorescent Antibody Test (FAT)** on fresh brain tissue (hippocampus, cerebellum) to detect viral antigens. Histopathology to identify **Negri bodies** (intracytoplasmic inclusions in neurons) is also used but is less sensitive. PCR can detect viral RNA.

**3.3 Differentiate between Vesicular Stomatitis & Vesicular Exanthema** Both are vesicular (blister-forming) diseases. **Vesicular Stomatitis** (VS) is a Rhabdovirus that affects cattle, pigs, and **horses**. **Vesicular Exanthema** (VE) of Swine is a Calicivirus that affects **only pigs**. The susceptibility of horses to VS is a key differentiator from FMD and VE.

**3.4 Negri bodies** Negri bodies are pathognomonic, eosinophilic, **intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies** found in the neurons of animals infected with **Rabies**. In dogs, they are most common in the hippocampus, while in herbivores, they are more common in the cerebellum.

**3.5 Equine Plaque** This likely refers to the "silver dollar plaques" seen in **Dourine**, a venereal disease of horses caused by *Trypanosoma equiperdum*. These plaques are raised, coin-shaped, edematous swellings (urticaria) on the skin that appear and disappear.

**3.6 Prion Disease? give example** A prion disease, or Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE), is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder caused by an abnormal, misfolded protein (PrPSc). This prion protein induces misfolding in normal host proteins, leading to neuronal vacuolation (spongiform change) and death.

- **Examples:** **Scrapie** in sheep, **Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)** in cattle, and **Kuru** in humans.

**3.7 Differentiate between Avian inflammation and Mammalian inflammation** The primary difference is the main inflammatory cell. In mammals, the first responder is the **neutrophil**, which forms liquid pus. In birds, the equivalent cell is the **heterophil**, which lacks liquefactive enzymes, resulting in the formation of solid, caseous (cheesy) exudate.

**3.8 Explain why? Pus is not formed in poultry** Poultry do not form liquid pus because their primary inflammatory cell, the **heterophil**, lacks the enzyme **myeloperoxidase** (which causes liquefactive necrosis in mammals). Therefore, avian inflammatory exudate is solid, dry, and caseous rather than liquid.

**3.9 Explain why? Nodules are formed in oesophagus of bird in Vit. A deficiency** Vitamin A is essential for maintaining epithelial integrity. A deficiency causes **squamous metaplasia** of glandular epithelium. In the esophagus and pharynx, the mucous glands become blocked and distended with keratin debris, forming raised, white nodules that resemble "pustules" (also known as nutritional roup).

**3.10 Differentiate between ILT and Infectious Coryza** **ILT (Infectious Laryngotracheitis)** is a *Herpesvirus* disease causing severe respiratory distress, coughing of bloody mucus, and intranuclear inclusions. **Infectious Coryza** is a *bacterial* disease (caused by *Avibacterium paragallinarum*) characterized by facial swelling, foul-smelling nasal discharge, and swollen wattles.

**3.11 Differentiate between Orthomyxovirus and Paramyxovirus** Both are enveloped RNA viruses. **Orthomyxoviruses** (e.g., Avian Influenza) have a *segmented* genome, allowing for genetic reassortment ("antigenic shift"). **Paramyxoviruses** (e.g., Newcastle Disease) have a *non-segmented* genome and often cause syncytial (giant cell) formation.

**3.12 Bovine spongiform encephalopathy** Also known as "Mad Cow Disease," this is a fatal, neurodegenerative **prion disease** of cattle. It is caused by ingesting feed contaminated with the prion agent. It causes progressive neurological signs (aggression, ataxia) and is characterized microscopically by **spongiform change** (vacuolation) in the brainstem.



## 2023 Exam (Q.3)

**3.1 Anthrax toxins** The *Bacillus anthracis* exotoxin has three parts: **Protective Antigen (PA)** (which binds to cells), **Edema Factor (EF)** (which causes edema), and **Lethal Factor (LF)** (which causes cell death and shock). PA must combine with either EF or LF to become toxic.

**3.2 Gout** Gout is the deposition of uric acid crystals (urates) in tissues, typically secondary to renal failure in birds and reptiles. **Visceral gout** is the deposition of urate "frosting" on serosal surfaces (heart, liver). **Articular gout** is the deposition of urates in and around joints.

**3.3 Farcy** (Repeat of 2024, 3.1) Farcy is the cutaneous (skin) form of **Glanders**, a zoonotic disease of equines. It's characterized by pyogranulomatous nodules ("farcy buds") along thickened, "cord-like" lymphatic vessels.

**3.4 Meladycan reaction** (Likely a typo for **M'Fadyean reaction**). This is a diagnostic stain for *Bacillus anthracis*. When a blood smear is stained with polychrome methylene blue, the large, square-ended rods are stained blue, and the surrounding **polypeptide capsule** stains a distinct pink/purple.

**3.5 Thrush** In poultry, Thrush is **Candidiasis** (*Candida albicans*), a fungal infection of the crop. It causes the mucosa to become thickened, white, and piled up, resembling a "**Turkish towel**". In horses, it refers to a bacterial/fungal infection of the hoof frog.

**3.6 Lesions of Tyzzer's disease** Tyzzer's disease (*Clostridium piliforme*) is characterized by a "classic triad" of lesions: **miliary (multifocal) necrosis** of the **liver**, **necrotizing enterocolitis** (especially of the cecum), and (less commonly) **myocardial necrosis**.

**3.7 Gross lesions of Copper toxicity** In chronic copper toxicity in sheep, the primary gross lesions occur during the **hemolytic crisis**. This includes severe **icterus** (jaundice) of all tissues, **hemoglobinuria** ("port wine" urine), and a dark, swollen, "**gun-metal blue**" **kidney**.

**3.8 Bacillary hemoglobinuria** Also known as "Redwater Disease," this is an acute, fatal toxemia of cattle caused by *Clostridium haemolyticum* (C. novyi Type D). It is often triggered by **liver fluke migration**, which creates an anaerobic focus for the bacteria. The resulting toxin causes massive **intravascular hemolysis**, hemoglobinuria, and a large anemic infarct in the liver.

**3.9 Prions** (Repeat of 2024, 3.6) Prions are "proteinaceous infectious particles", which are abnormal, misfolded isoforms (PrPSc) of a normal host protein. They are the causative agents of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) and cause fatal neurodegeneration by inducing spongiform change in the brain.

**3.10 Gross lesions of Paratuberculosis** (Johne's Disease) The classic gross lesion is in the ileum and colon. The intestinal wall is severely **thickened**, and the mucosa is thrown into deep, permanent, **corrugated (brain-like) folds**. The associated mesenteric lymph nodes are also enlarged.

**3.11 Murine hepatitis virus** Murine Hepatitis Virus (MHV) is a highly contagious **Coronavirus**

of mice. It primarily causes multifocal **necrotic foci in the liver** (hepatitis). In susceptible strains, it can also cause severe enteritis or systemic infection.

**3.12 Gross lesions of spirochaetosis in poultry** Avian Spirochetosis (*Borrelia anserina*) is a tick-borne bacterial disease. The primary gross lesion is a markedly **enlarged, mottled spleen** (splenomegaly), often described as "marbled" due to multiple necrotic foci.

## 2022 Exam (Q.3)

**3.1 Wry neck** Wry neck (or **torticollis**) is a clinical sign, not a specific disease. It is the twisting of the head and neck to one side. It is caused by any condition affecting the vestibular system (inner ear/brainstem), such as otitis media/interna (e.g., *Pasteurella* in rabbits) or viral encephalitis (e.g., Newcastle disease).

**3.2 Ascoli's Test** (Repeat of 2019, 3.6) The Ascoli test is a **thermoprecipitin test** used for the post-mortem diagnosis of **Anthrax**. It involves boiling tissue to extract heat-stable antigens and layering this over antiserum. A **precipitin ring** at the interface indicates a positive result.

**3.3 Osteopetrosis** Osteopetrosis ("marble bone disease") is a condition where bones become abnormally dense due to a defect in osteoclast function. In poultry, it is one form of the **Avian Leukosis Virus (ALV)**, leading to a gross, symmetrical thickening of the long bones.

**3.4 Blue breast** This term (also "Blue Comb") refers to **Avian Cyanosis**. It is a clinical sign where the comb, wattles, and skin turn a bluish-purple. It is associated with acute, systemic diseases causing circulatory collapse, such as **High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** or **Fowl Cholera**.

**3.5 Cannibalism** Cannibalism is a behavioral problem in poultry where birds peck, bite, and consume the tissues of others. It is often triggered by overcrowding, nutritional deficiencies, or stress. It can lead to vent-pecking, feather-pulling, and severe injuries.

**3.6 False layer** A "false layer" is a hen that appears to be in production but does not lay eggs. This is often due to a non-functional or occluded oviduct (salpingitis). The hen may ovulate, but the ova are reabsorbed in the body cavity (**internal laying**).

**3.7 Weepy eye of rabbits** "Weepy eye" (epiphora) in rabbits is the chronic overflow of tears, matting the fur. The most common cause is **dacrocystitis** (inflammation of the tear duct), which is often secondary to dental disease (molar root elongation) or *Pasteurella* infection ("snuffles").

**3.8 Negri bodies** (Repeat of 2024, 3.4) Negri bodies are pathognomonic, eosinophilic, **intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies** found in the neurons of animals infected with **Rabies**.

**3.9 Black Disease** Black Disease (Infectious Necrotic Hepatitis) is an acute, fatal toxemia of sheep caused by *Clostridium novyi* Type B. The disease is precipitated by **liver fluke migration** (*Fasciola hepatica*), which creates an anaerobic tract for the clostridial spores to germinate and release toxins.

**3.10 Mycotoxicosis** (Repeat of 2019, 3.3) Mycotoxicosis is a disease caused by the ingestion of toxins (mycotoxins) produced by fungi (molds) growing on feed. Examples include **Aflatoxicosis** (liver damage) and **Zearalenone toxicosis** (estrogenic effects).

**3.11 Bastard strangles** "Bastard strangles" is a metastatic form of **Strangles** (*Streptococcus equi*) in horses. Instead of being confined to the head and neck, the infection disseminates, forming **abscesses** in distant organs like the lungs, liver, spleen, or brain.

**3.12 Takes** "Takes" is a term used in **Fowl Pox** vaccination. It refers to the successful, localized inflammatory reaction (a small swelling or scab) at the site of inoculation (usually the wing web) 7-10 days after vaccination, confirming the vaccine has "taken."



## 2019 Exam (Q.3)

**3.1 Mad itch** "Mad itch" is another name for **Pseudorabies** (Aujeszky's disease), caused by a Herpesvirus. In secondary hosts (cattle, dogs, cats), it is fatal and causes intense, localized **pruritus** (itching). The animal will frantically rub or chew the area, leading to severe self-mutilation.

**3.2 Braxy** Braxy is an acute, fatal toxemia of sheep caused by *Clostridium septicum*. It occurs after the ingestion of frosted forage, which damages the abomasal lining, allowing the bacteria to invade and cause **hemorrhagic and necrotic abomasitis**.

**3.3 Mycotoxicosis** (Repeat of 2022, 3.10) Mycotoxicosis is a disease caused by ingesting toxins (mycotoxins) produced by fungi on feed. Common examples are Aflatoxicosis (liver necrosis), Ergotism (gangrene), and Zearalenone toxicosis (estrogenic syndrome).

**3.4 Shipping fever** Shipping fever (Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex) is a respiratory disease of cattle, typically following stress (like "shipping"). It usually involves a primary viral infection followed by a severe, secondary bacterial pneumonia, most commonly caused by *Mannheimia haemolytica*.

**3.5 Negri bodies** (Repeat of 2024, 3.4 & 2022, 3.8) Negri bodies are pathognomonic, eosinophilic, **intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies** in neurons, and are a key diagnostic feature of **Rabies**.

**3.6 Ascoli test** (Repeat of 2022, 3.2) The Ascoli test is a **thermoprecipitin test** for the post-mortem diagnosis of **Anthrax**. It detects heat-stable antigens from *B. anthracis* in tissue extracts by forming a precipitin ring with antiserum.

**3.7 Fatty liver syndrome** (Fatty Liver Hemorrhagic Syndrome - FLHS) This is a metabolic disease of high-producing, caged laying hens. It is caused by a positive energy balance, leading to massive fat deposition (hepatic lipidosis). The liver becomes extremely large and friable, and can spontaneously **rupture**, causing fatal internal hemorrhage.

**3.8 Crazy chick disease** "Crazy Chick Disease" is **Encephalomalacia**, a form of **Vitamin E deficiency** in chicks. The deficiency leads to antioxidant breakdown and necrosis of cerebellar tissue, causing severe neurological signs like ataxia, falling backward, and head-twisting.

**3.9 Thrush** (Repeat of 2023, 3.5) In poultry, Thrush is **Candidiasis** (*Candida albicans*), a fungal infection of the crop. It causes the mucosa to become thickened and white, resembling a "Turkish towel".

**3.10 Nutritional roup** Nutritional roup is a manifestation of **Vitamin A deficiency** in poultry. The deficiency causes squamous metaplasia of glandular epithelium, leading to the formation of white, **caseous "pustules"** in the pharynx, esophagus, and larynx.

**3.11 Star gazing** "Star gazing" (opisthotonus) is a clinical sign where the head and neck are held back in a rigid, upward-pointing position. It indicates a severe CNS disorder. In poultry, it is the classic sign of **Thiamine (Vitamin B1) deficiency**.

**3.12 Egg bound condition** Egg binding (dystocia) is a condition in birds where the hen is unable to pass an egg. It is a common emergency. Causes include hypocalcemia, oversized eggs, obesity, or infection/trauma of the oviduct.



## 2018 Exam (Q.3)

**3.1 Post Parturient Hemoglobinuria** This is a metabolic disease of high-yielding dairy cows, typically occurring 2-4 weeks after calving. It is caused by severe **hypophosphatemia (low phosphorus)**. This leads to fragility and lysis of red blood cells (intravascular hemolysis),

resulting in **hemoglobinuria** (port wine urine) and anemia.

**3.2 Sway back** Swayback (or Enzootic Ataxia) is a neurological disease of lambs and kids caused by **Copper deficiency** in the dam during gestation. The deficiency impairs myelin formation in the CNS of the fetus, resulting in progressive, ascending **hind-limb paralysis** and incoordination.

**3.3 Koch's blue bodies** Koch's blue bodies are the pathognomonic diagnostic stage of **Theileriosis** (East Coast Fever), caused by *Theileria parva*. They are the **schizont** stage of the parasite, seen as aggregates of blue-staining merozoites within the cytoplasm of infected lymphocytes on a lymph node biopsy smear.

**3.4 Rickets** Rickets is a metabolic bone disease of **young, growing animals** caused by a deficiency of **Vitamin D3** or an imbalance of calcium and phosphorus. This prevents the mineralization of bone matrix, leading to soft, pliable bones and skeletal deformities like bowed legs.

**3.5 Puply Kidney disease** (Typo for **Pulpy Kidney Disease**) This is **Enterotoxemia** in sheep, caused by *Clostridium perfringens* Type D. The epsilon toxin causes systemic vascular damage, leading to rapid post-mortem autolysis of the **kidney**, making it extremely soft and "pulpy". Glycosuria (sugar in urine) is also a key finding.

**3.6 Bollinger bodies** Bollinger bodies are large, eosinophilic, **intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies** found in epithelial cells infected with **Avian Pox (Fowl Pox)** virus. They are large aggregates of replicating virus particles.

**3.7 Gout** (Repeat of 2023, 3.2) Gout is the deposition of uric acid crystals (urates) in tissues, typically secondary to renal failure in birds and reptiles. It can be **visceral** (on organs) or **articular** (in joints).

**3.8 Limberneck** "Limberneck" is the classic sign of **Botulism** in poultry, caused by ingesting the toxin of *Clostridium botulinum*. The toxin causes a progressive **flaccid (limp) paralysis**, preventing the bird from being able to hold its head up.

**3.9 Turkey egg kidney** This is a gross lesion seen in **Hog Cholera (Classical Swine Fever)** and African Swine Fever. It consists of numerous **petechial hemorrhages** on the surface of the kidney, giving it a speckled "turkey egg" appearance.

**3.10 Vent disease** "Vent disease" is **Rabbit Syphilis**, caused by the spirochete bacterium *Treponema paraluiscuniculi*. It is a venereal disease that causes crusty, scabby, ulcerative lesions on the external genitalia (vent), as well as on the nose and eyelids.

**3.11 Wet tail** "Wet tail" is a lay term for **proliferative ileitis** in hamsters, a highly fatal disease. It is caused by the intracellular bacterium *Lawsonia intracellularis*. The disease causes severe, watery diarrhea and a "wet" appearance of the tail and perineum.

**3.12 Old dog encephalitis** Old Dog Encephalitis (ODE) is a rare, chronic, progressive neurological disease of older dogs. It is caused by a persistent, defective **Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)** infection in the brain, leading to progressive cognitive and motor deficits.