

IDEXX VetConnect+

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If you are still using the Idexx Interlink module, please contact our support team to enable the Idexx Vet Connect+ workflow for an improved experience for both internal & external workflows.

Summary

Merlin integrates with VetConnect PLUS which can be accessed through the patient History screen.

This functionality allows you to request both internal and external laboratory requests directly from VetConnect PLUS and results will be sent directly to your patient's History screen.

Details

VetConnect PLUS Setup in Merlin

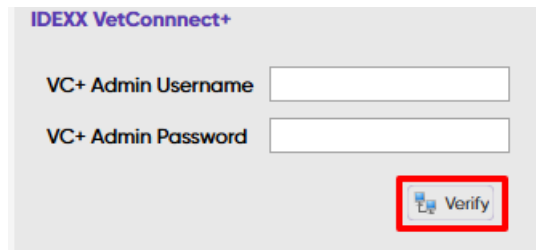
The first step is to create a Messaging Group so the relevant users receive an internal message notifying them when the results are complete and available on the patient record. To create an internal messaging group [See Internal Messaging Administration](#).

Once a group has been created select Administration > Settings > IDEXX > and choose the appropriate Group from the dropdown menu in the Site results group field.

The screenshot shows the 'Configuration Settings' page in Merlin. On the left is a 'Categories' sidebar with a list of modules: Account, Reporting, Diary, Reception, Treatment, Referral, Lab, Vet Scan Lab, Labelling, SMS, Email, DayLists, System, Miscellaneous, HTML Labelling, Smart Flow, VetCheck, Follow Up, GDPR, PACS, Message, and IDEXX. The 'IDEXX' category is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'Configuration Settings' and includes a 'Site' dropdown menu. Below this is the 'Labs integration' section, which contains the 'IDEXX VetConnect+' subsection. This subsection has two text input fields: 'VC+ Admin Username' and 'VC+ Admin Password', followed by a 'Verify' button. Below the 'Labs integration' section is the 'Results messaging' section, which includes a 'Sending user' dropdown menu (set to 'Internal Messaging') and a 'Site results group' dropdown menu (set to 'Lab Results - Os'). At the bottom of the 'Results messaging' section is a 'Save' button with a green checkmark icon.

VetConnect PLUS Credentials


VetConnect PLUS will provide the practice with their unique credentials and the next step is to insert this information in the IDEXX VetConnect+ fields as highlighted below. Once inserted, it is important to select Verify then Save.



IDEXX VetConnect+

VC+ Admin Username

VC+ Admin Password

 Verify

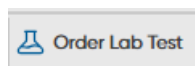
If you are a multi-site practice, the VetConnect PLUS credentials will need to be input on a site by site basis.

Note: Once the credentials have been added, verified and saved the account will be linked. Any time a user goes back into this settings area, the username and password fields will remain blank. As long as the connection is live, there is no need to refill these credentials.

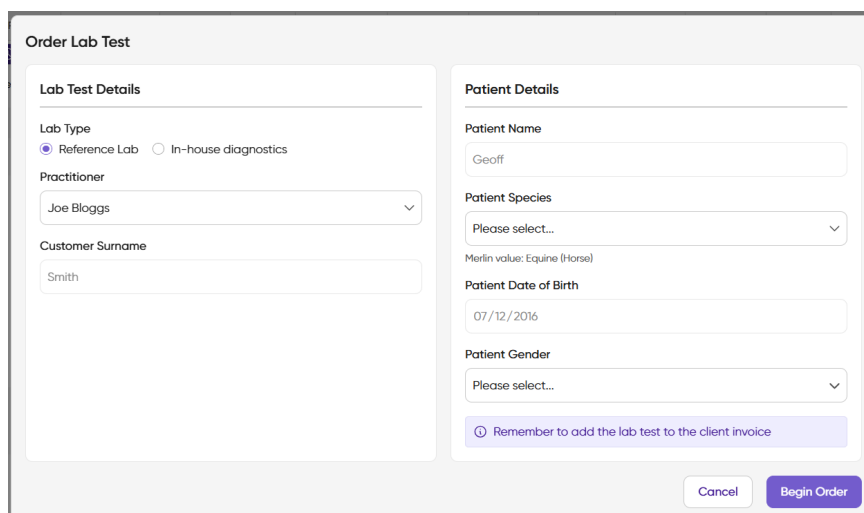
VetConnect PLUS Workflow

Search for the relevant client and patient.

- Double click the relevant patient
- The Surgeon List will now appear (it is advised to have the Surgeon List set to 'Show Before Treating'). To enable this, please see Settings > [Treatment Settings > Surgeon List](#).
- The History screen will now show.
- Press the 'Order Lab Test' button:



- The 'Order A New Lab Test' window will display.
- It will show you which patient you are ordering a new lab test for.



Order Lab Test

Lab Test Details

Lab Type
☒ Reference Lab ☐ In-house diagnostics

Practitioner

Customer Surname

Patient Details

Patient Name

Patient Species

Merlin value: Equine (Horse)

Patient Date of Birth

Patient Gender

☐ Remember to add the lab test to the client invoice

Cancel **Begin Order**

In-house Diagnostics Requests

Select 'In-house diagnostics' and choose the relevant integrated IVLS lab machine from the drop down.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Order Lab Test" with two main sections: "Lab Test Details" and "Patient Details".

Lab Test Details:

- Lab Type:** Two radio buttons are present. "Reference Lab" is unselected, and "In-house diagnostics" is selected.
- Machine IVLS:** A dropdown menu is open, showing "PTH99990000234 - IVLS".
- Practitioner:** A dropdown menu is open, showing "Joe Bloggs".
- Customer Surname:** A text input field containing "Smith".

Patient Details:

- Patient Name:** A text input field containing "Geoff".
- Patient Species:** A dropdown menu is open, showing "Canine". Below it, a label reads "Merlin value: Equine (Horse)".
- Patient Date of Birth:** A text input field containing "07/12/2016".
- Patient Gender:** A dropdown menu is open, showing "Male Neutered".
- Footer:** A purple button with a circular icon and the text "Remember to add the lab test to the client invoice".

At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Begin Order".

- The Species and Gender fields require manually filling in via the drop-down arrows. This information will be automatically pre-filled in subsequent releases of this lab flow.
- The Patient Date of Birth is automatically populated from the patient details tab. If a DOB has not been saved within the Patient Details screen, this will have to be filled in.
- If the sites Surgeon List is set to 'Show Before Treating' then the Practitioner will populate with the one that was selected from the Surgeon List when entering the patient record. If this Setting has not been enabled, the Practitioner will populate with the user logged in. There is also a drop down option to select a different user.

Now press "Begin Order"

Reference Lab Requests

Select 'Reference Lab'

The Species and Gender fields require manually filling in via the drop-down arrows. This information will be automatically pre-filled in subsequent releases of this lab flow.

The Patient Date of Birth is automatically populated from the patient details tab. If a DOB is not saved, this will have to be filled in.

The Practitioner will populate with the one that was selected from the Surgeon List when entering the patient record.

Order Lab Test

Lab Test Details

Lab Type

☒ Reference Lab ☐ In-house diagnostics

Practitioner

Joe Bloggs

Customer Surname

Smith

Patient Details

Patient Name

Geoff

Patient Species

Canine

Merlin value: Equine (Horse)

Patient Date of Birth

07 / 12 / 2016

Patient Gender

Male Neutered

Remember to add the lab test to the client invoice

Cancel

Begin Order

Now press “Begin Order”

The user will be transferred to a separate VetConnect PLUS portal

Lab test order IDEXX:100129906 - Google Chrome

https://merlinfrontendlabsuat.z6.web.core.windows.net/orderplaced.html

IDEXX DIAGNOSTICS

Frequent

Saved

Browse All

Search Frequent

Canine

Sorted by most frequent

Cortisol Pre & Post Trilostane Therapy (ACTT)

★

Cortisol x 2 - Pre & Post Trilostane

Day of receipt | 0.5 ml separated serum x 2

Details

Insulin (Canine) (IN)

☆

2-7 days | 1 ml separated serum

Details

Immunotherapy - 1 to 4 allergens (RAST)

☆

Please order on line following the link www.idexx.co.uk/immunotherapies

8-10 days | n/a

Details

Baermann's Test for Lungworm Larvae (BAER)

★

1-2 days | Faeces

Details

Blood Type DEA 1 (Canine) (CGP)

☆

Day of receipt (Please allow for 1 to 2 extra working day...)

Details

CANE SMITH

9b9d03e4-5b78-4cd3-b77d-cd6af1f17e91

No Tests Selected

* Veterinarian

Olivia Lowe

Notes

Order

The user will need to search for the required tests via 'browse all' and use them for their frequent tests tab to populate.

Next to each test, there is a Details button. This will inform the user of turnaround times, specimen requirements and the list price.

- Select the required test(s), press 'Order'.
- Answer the following questions required from VetConnect PLUS, then press 'Place Order':

Before placing your order, please let us know if CANE has...

* Recently travelled abroad?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* Been in contact with a non-UK bred animal?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* Is this patient imported from outside the UK?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- A new window will display to confirm the request has been sent to the lab machine for processing.
- A new line is added to the History screen, showing details of the test sent.

Note: When doing the reference lab request, the lab form will generate as a PDF and this is to be placed with the sample in the bio-hazard bag. It is important to print or download this straight away as it cannot be re-produced within Merlin.

Receive Results

Test results will be received directly into Merlin and users in the messaging group will receive a notification via Merlin's internal messaging system.

Once the message is opened, the patient's name will show as a link, and the user can double click this to automatically take them to the patient history screen:

The results will be displayed in the patient's History screen, and can be accessed by going straight into the History.

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CANE SMITH

PET OWNER: **SMITH**

SPECIES: **Canine**

BREED:

GENDER: **Male Neutered**

AGE: **6 Years**

PATIENT ID: **9b9d03e4-5b78-4cd3-b77d-cd5a11f17e9f**

Merlin Test Practice UK1

One IDEXX Dr

Westbrook, ME 04092

ACCOUNT #:

ATTENDING VET: **Olivia Lowe**

LAB ID:

ORDER ID: **100120569**

DATE OF RECEIPT: **14/5/2024**

DATE OF RESULT: **14/5/2024**

IDEXX Services: Catalyst One Chemistry Analyser

Chemistry

14/5/2024

10:10 am

TEST	RESULT	REFERENCE VALUE	
Glucose	7.05	3.89 - 7.94 mmol/L	<div><div></div></div>
Creatinine	79.56	44.2 - 159.12 µmol/L	<div><div></div></div>
Urea	2.86	2.5 - 9.64 mmol/L	<div><div></div></div>
BUN: Creatinine Ratio	9		
Phosphorus	1.16	0.81 - 2.2 mmol/L	<div><div></div></div>
Calcium	2.47	1.97 - 2.99 mmol/L	<div><div></div></div>
Total Protein	70	52 - 82 g/L	<div><div></div></div>

Please note that MWIAH Support does not cover issues with the VetConnect PLUS portal. These will need to be raised directly with IDEXX.

Video Tutorial

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