

Blood collection instructions

Blood sampling is the most critical element to obtaining the best sample for DNA and pathogen testing. It is very important that you follow these simple instructions to avoid sample contamination and to help minimize the possibility of failure.

IMPORTANT: blood sampling should be performed by a veterinarian.

We strongly recommend reading the collection instructions prior to taking the sample.

A. Preparations

1. When sampling multiple animals, first finish completely the sample collection from the first animal before you continue with the other one. Wash your hands and change the gloves between samplings.
2. Be ready to send the samples on the day of collection.

B. Sampling

1. Use a new sterile needle for each animal.
2. Collect 0.5 to 1mL of non-coagulated blood into a test tube containing EDTA.
3. Gently mix the blood with anticoagulant by inverting the tube several times.
4. NOTE: coagulated blood is inappropriate for the analysis.
5. Insert the tube into an envelope and seal it well.
6. Write sample identification data on the envelope.
7. Samples should be stored at 4°C until shipping. Note that the testing is more successful if the sample is fresh.

C. Sending the sample

1. Download the Order form by going to download section on our website. Fill in the form electronically or manually, print and sign the form. If you are filling the form manually make sure that all the information is written clearly.
2. Insert the Order form and envelope with blood sample into a bubble envelope to prevent tube damage during transport and send it to our address:

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