

Collecting a Urine Sample:

Don't panic - it's not as difficult as it seems.



DOGS:

Please collect a “first-morning’s urine” sample and drop it off at the hospital in the morning. Use something to collect the urine in that is relatively shallow and large, like a glass pie plate or a long, flat Tupperware™ container. Use a very small amount of soap and lots of plain water to clean the collection device. Be sure to rinse and dry it very thoroughly. Follow your pet and collect a sample when she squats or he lifts his leg. The trick is to follow closely enough without making him too nervous. You might want to let him look at and sniff the collection device first, so he knows what you are thrusting under him. Once the urine is collected, pour it into the urine cup we have provided.

CATS:

In the morning, please bring a sample of your cat’s urine into the hospital for analysis. We don’t need a lot, but at least a teaspoon. Clean a litter box thoroughly with a very small amount of soap and lots of water. Be sure to rinse it and to dry it out well. Cover the bottom of the box with Lab Litter™ or NoSorb™ beads. These beads are made out of plastic and will not absorb liquid. Put your cat in the bathroom overnight with the box and a bowl of water. (Remove all mats and clothing from the floor in case your cat decides he wants to go to the bathroom there!) In the morning, you should be able to pour off urine from the box into the container we have given you. Discard the NoSorb™ -- clean the box and refill with regular litter.

Occasionally, a cat will not “go” in NoSorb. If there is no urine in the box in the morning, by all means, give her access to another box quickly and try again in a few days using this alternate method. Again, confine her to the bathroom. This time, put a layer of her regular litter that is about 2” deep in the box. Cover the litter up to and around the edges of the box with a few layers of plastic cling wrap. Proceed as above. In the morning, you should find a puddle of urine on the plastic that you can draw up into the syringe provided and squirt into the cup.

We open at 8 am Monday through Friday. The sample should be less than 6 hours old and the fresher the better. If you are not going to drop it off within the hour, refrigerate the sample in the meantime. A sample may be refrigerated up to six hours and still provide accurate results.