

Best Practice Sample Submission

Ectoparasite Exam

Sample collection and submission

- Hair samples should be submitted in a leakproof container with 70% ethanol.
- Visible ectoparasites should be submitted in a leakproof container with 70% ethanol.
 - DO NOT submit ectoparasites on a piece of tape, taped to a slide. This can cause identifying structures to be distorted or destroyed, preventing an accurate identification.
- Skin scrapings should be performed deeply enough to observe capillary oozing.
 - Place scraping on a microscope slide in a small drop of mineral oil.
 - Coverslip, place in a slide container, and submit.