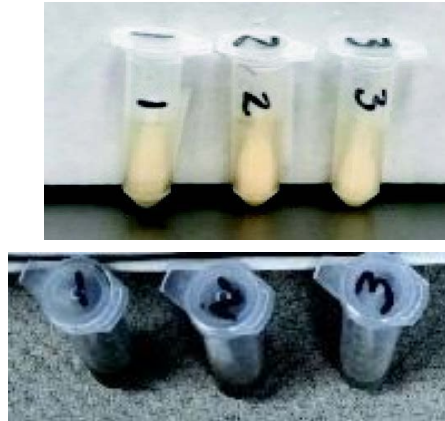


Best Practice Sample Submission

Fecal swabs



Consecutively numbering samples (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4,...) greatly enhances receiving, accessioning, and sample processing efficiencies within the laboratory.

Additional animal form and/or fecal spread sheet available on the website

Age (check unit)
 pup wk mo
 adult senior

Tube #	Animal ID	Sex	Breed
1	321		
2	267		
3	536		
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Sample collection

- Fecal swabs only provide enough material for PCR tests. **At least 2 tbsp of fecal sample** should be submitted if additional tests (bacterology, parasitology, etc) are needed.
- Samples should be collected on a synthetic swab (Dacron or Rayon) with a plastic shaft
 - Do not use wooden shaft swabs (the wood will absorb the testing fluid)
- Submit swab in Transport Media or PBS - do not submit dry
 - **Transport Media**
 - Place swab in a sterile tube with liquid media-saturated foam (such as liquid Stuart or Hank's media)
 - Do not use agar gel-type media as this may inhibit PCR
 - Do not use media with additives (such as charcoal, antibiotics, or heparin) as this may inhibit PCR
 - Check that the swab cap is securely twisted shut
 - **PBS (Phosphate Buffered Saline)**
 - Place swab in a snap cap tube (1.5 ml or 5 ml) with 1 ml of 1X PBS
 - Trim swab shaft short enough for the lid of the snap cap tube to close securely
 - Check that the cap is securely snapped shut (5 ml tube must be double snapped)

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- For ideal sample volume, submit 1 swab per test. If multiple tests are requested on a single swab, testing will be at the discretion of the pathologist, in order to accommodate available sample volume.
- Fecal swabs are a poor choice for bacteriology requests, as they do not provide an adequate sample volume. Whole feces (2 Tbsp) should be submitted instead.
- Label tubes consecutively (ex: Tube #1-10, or #21-60).
 - For 1.5 ml tubes: number the top of the tubes
 - For all other tubes: number the side of the tubes
- Record individual Animal IDs on the submission form next to the corresponding Tube #.
- Do not include Animal IDs on the tube label as this can cause confusion. Following these labeling instructions will greatly expedite sample processing.