

Best Practice Sample Submission

Feces



Sample collection

- Submit in hard sided screw cap jars. Do NOT use gloves or whirl-pac bags.
- Avoid snap cap tubes, as the pressure will build and pop the lids open in transit. If this is the only tube available to you, please secure the lid with tape or parafilm prior to shipment.
- Ideal sample volume is 2 Tbsp or 30 ml
- Check that the cap is securely closed; snap cap is snapped and screw cap is tightened
- 5ml snap cap tubes need to be double snapped
- Do not freeze the sample prior to shipment
- Label tubes consecutively (ex: Tube #1-10, or #21-60).
- 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.