

Urine Samples

There are two samples that are required for the urine test.

1. Urine in a sterile collection tube - this sample must remain frozen or refrigerated. You can ask your vet for a sterile container or a red top tube blood vial the lid pops off/on easily. The vial should be marked with the dog's name, AKC #, and the owner's last name.
2. Urine swabs in a clean, standard business envelope. The cotton swab can be stored at room temperature for short periods of time, but should be refrigerated if it is kept for more than a week.

Please follow the following procedure for the urine swabs:

1. Obtain cotton swabs that are on wooden stick (see photo below).
2. Collect 3–5 ml of patient's urine (free catch or cystocentesis) in a clean container.
3. Remove two swabs from packaging and dip the cotton ends into the urine, making sure the cotton is completely and uniformly saturated. (If the swabs are cotton at both ends, cut off one end before using.)
4. Allow swabs to dry for 10-15 minutes.
5. Repeat this process (dip, then dry) two more times. At this point, the swabs have each been dipped and dried a total of 3 times.
6. Place the dry swabs together in their original sleeve, then into a new, clean standard business envelope. Label the outer envelope animal's name, AKC#, and the owner's last name.

