

Veterinary sample packaging guide

This guide has been developed to assist you in safely packaging biological samples for transport and laboratory submission.

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- Please ensure all labelling is legible.
- Clean jars of all external contamination.
- Faecal samples are to be packaged in a screw top container.

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- Check the lids are tightly sealed. Please tape around the lids to reduce leaks.

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- Remove all needles, scalpels and gloves.
- Submit fluid samples in sterile jars or plain tubes.

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- Submit blood tubes in foam racks wrapped in plastic film or held together with rubber bands. Wrap single blood tubes in absorbent padding.

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- Place slides in a slide transport box and seal these in a ziplock bag. This prevents formalin fumes causing cellular artefacts.

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- Use absorbent material (paper, cotton wool) to line the esky in case of leaks. Note: rigid containers such as eskies are required

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- Place all samples in the esky with cool packs or ice bricks. Do not place samples directly onto ice bricks as this can damage samples.

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- Seal the esky with tape.
- Place the laboratory submission form in an envelope or zip locked bag and tape to the side of the esky

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- Place the courier label on the top of the esky and notify the courier of sample collection requirements