

## Collecting a urine sample

If your veterinarian has asked you to collect a urine sample from your dog. We have some instructions to ensure the results are as accurate as possible. **Please note that the first morning sample is preferred.**

- Our urine collection kit includes the following:
  - o Labelled Urine Collection cup
  - o Disposable Plastic tray (to collect the urine from your pet)



1. **Prepare a Clean Container:** Have a clean container to collect the urine. It does not need to be sterilized, just cleaned and make sure it has a tight lid. We can provide a urine collection kit. Avoid Margarine containers as fats can interfere with our tests
2. **Leash Your Dog:** Place your dog on a short leash to help control them while attempting collection.
3. **Outdoor Collection:** Take your dog outside and just before they do their business put the container underneath them to catch the urine.
4. **Handling Female Dogs:** If you have a female dog that squats to urinate, a soup ladle or pie plate are handy tools!
5. **Placing it in the container:** Transfer the urine sample into a urine sample collection jar and label it with your name, your dog's name and time/date it was collected. **Please do not filter the urine as it can create very inaccurate results and you will be asked to collect a new sample.**
6. **Bringing the sample to us:** Ideally, the sample should be brought to us as soon as the sample is collected. If you cannot get here within 30 minutes of collecting it. You can place it in the fridge for up to 8 hours. If you cannot make it to us within 8 hours, a new first morning sample will need to be collected.



If you are having trouble collecting a sample, please call the clinic to discuss other options.

