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## **HOW TO COLLECT A URINE SAMPLE FOR THE VETERINARIAN**

### **Canines:**

The best time to collect a urine sample from your pet is the very first pee in the morning. As soon as your pet wakes up, take them directly outside.

To collect a sample, use a CLEAN, PLASTIC container and wait until your pet squats or lifts their leg and then quickly place the container under the stream. We only need 5mls of urine to run a successful sample!

### **Felines:**

To collect a successful sample, please provide your pet with a clean litter box. This can be filled with an appropriate veterinary approved, non absorbent material called Nosorb.

Place the litter box and your pet into a small room (a bathroom will suffice), provide some water and wait until they give you the sample.

Once the sample is available, pour (or use the provided syringe) the urine into a CLEAN, PLASTIC CONTAINER.

### **Submitting your sample**

The sample must be brought to us the SAME DAY IT IS COLLECTED. This is to ensure that no artifacts develop.

If you are able to come right away, this is best. If you are unable to come to the clinic until later in the day, please REFRIGERATE IT until your visit.

### **What to do if you cannot collect a sample**

Give us a call! We will schedule an appointment you have your pet in for something called a cystocentesis or urinary catheterization. This will allow us to collect urine directly from the bladder. In order for us to do this, we need them to come to the clinic with a FULL bladder. This means NO peeing before for dogs and taking the litter box away a few hours prior for cats. There is an additional charge associated with these procedures.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ALONG THE WAY, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**