

Urine Sample Collection for Cats

Note: To prevent bites and/or scratches, be careful not to upset your pet. If you cannot obtain the samples without getting bit and/or scratched, please contact us so we can let the doctor know.

Important: Urine samples are time sensitive. **Samples need to be dropped off at the clinic between 2:00pm - 2:30pm.** This means you will need to collect the sample close to the drop off time. **If you need to collect urine a little earlier in the day, you can obtain a sample as early as 12:00pm and place it in refrigeration to keep it at the appropriate temperature.** To get a good sample, it's best for your pet to have a full bladder. Make sure water is readily available.

Multi-Cat Household: Keep the cat with a urinary issue in a separate and enclosed area of the home with a clean litter box. This will help inadvertently obtaining urine from from other cats in the household.

Supplies Needed:

- 1 clean plastic storage container labeled:
"Urine Sample"
"Your pet's first and last name"
"Date & Time sample was collected"

Note: This plastic storage container will be discarded at the clinic.

- Rubber gloves (alternative: disposable plastic bags - this is to protect your hands and prevent coming into contact with the urine)
- Washed and cleaned litter box
- Non-absorbent litter
Ex: Tidy Cat – Breeze Pebbles
Alternatives: dried beans, dry rice, Styrofoam packing peanuts

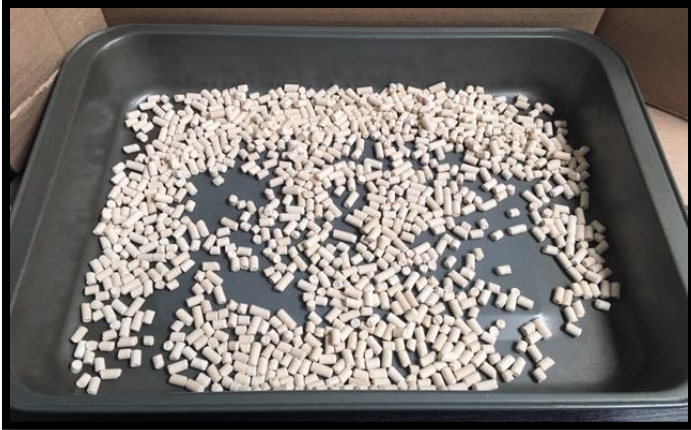
Note: If you do not have any of these, you can use a very small amount of regular litter.



Steps:

Important: Throughout all steps, to protect your hands from contacting the urine, make sure to wear gloves or plastic bags over your hands.

1. Wash and clean litter box.
2. Put a small amount of non-absorbent material in the box. You want just enough so the cat knows where to urinate. Do not fill up the box with the material.
3. Place box where it is usually kept.
4. Once your cat has urinated, scoop out as much non-absorbent material as you can. Then pour urine into the container. Carefully remove any material that might have fallen into your container.



5. Cover your sample with the labeled lid. Discard gloves and wash hands thoroughly.
6. Drop off the sample at the clinic. Place sample in the white, sample box outside of the clinic **between 2:00pm and 2:30pm**. The box should be unlocked, but if it is locked, please gently place your sample behind the box to prevent the sample from being exposed to the wind, sun, or rain.

