

## Urine Sample Collection for Dogs

**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 and your pet has not urinated recently.

### 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)



### Steps:

1. Make sure you have all your supplies ready. The less time you take to collect your sample, the less stressed you and your pet will be.



Any of these types of containers will work. If you have a short or female dog, we recommend using the shallower containers because it will be easier to reach under your pet while they are urinating.

2. Before heading outside, have the glove on your hand and container ready. When you are outside with your dog, watch closely, because you need to be ready to catch the urine as soon as they start urinating. When they are about finished urinating, be careful when removing the container from under them. Sometimes their foot can accidentally hit the container. If this happens you will lose part/all of your sample, or the sample may be contaminated.
3. Cover your sample with the labeled lid. Discard glove and wash hands thoroughly.
4. 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.

