

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Blood Sample Submission Protocol

- Draw 1-3 ml of whole blood in a EDTA tube(s) (Lavender-topped tube in the US).
- Gently invert tubes to distribute the anticoagulant. Do **NOT** spin, extract serum, or anything further.
- Label the sample with the following: The dog's call name and the owner's last name.
- Refrigerate (do **NOT** freeze) if the sample is being held for a day or more before shipping.

Payment

- Enclose a check made payable to "Regents of the University of Minnesota". The fee is \$65 per dog.

Shipping

- Place tubes for each dog into individual plastic bags or a hard plastic container. (ex. pill bottle or syringe casing)
- Pack the sample in a small box or insulated container. If the temperature of the location you are shipping from is 80 F or above, include a cool pack.
- Ideally, ship the sample immediately. If you are waiting to ship samples, please refrigerate.
- Ship to arrive within 2-7 days (US Mail, UPS, FedEx, etc.). Samples **DO NOT** need to be sent overnight.
- Write "Exempt Animal Specimen" on the outside of the shipping container.
- Send samples with all forms to:

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