



How to collect a fecal sample

- ☐ Call your veterinary clinic first for species-specific instructions and the preferred collection container.
- ☐ Collect freshly passed stool without dirt, litter, grass, bedding or cleaning chemicals when possible.
- ☐ A small sample is often sufficient, but ask the clinic how much its laboratory needs for the tests planned.
- ☐ Place the sample in a clean, leak-proof, tightly closed container or a clinic-provided sample cup.
- ☐ Label the container with the animal's name and the collection date and time.
- ☐ Deliver the sample promptly; if delivery is delayed, ask whether short-term refrigeration is appropriate.
- ☐ Keep refrigerated samples sealed and away from food. Do not freeze unless the veterinary team specifically directs it.
- ☐ Wash hands thoroughly afterward and keep samples away from children and other animals.

Timing and preservation depend on the test. Parasite, Giardia, culture and other specialized samples can have different requirements; always follow the clinic's instructions.