



BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AND SERUM PREPARATION

Procedure:

- Fill requisition form
- Label the VACUETTE tube with serum separator (white/clear gel on the bottom of the tube) provided by Pet Preferred Diagnostics with patient name and date of sample collection
- Collect whole blood in that tube
- Place the tube with the collected blood in upright position and allow blood to clot at room temperature for 30–45 minutes
- Wait for blood in the tube to be completely clotted
- Centrifuge the tube (at 2500-3000 RPM for 20 minutes) to separate the serum from the clot
- Transfer serum (supernatant) to clear tube without serum separator
- Label the tube with the patient name and date of sample collection
- **Note:** If you are unable to centrifuge the VACUETTE tube, please leave the tube in upright position for 30-45 minutes until the blood is fully clotted
- Carefully transfer serum without red cells to the clear tube provided by Pet Preferred Dx
- Ship the tube labeled with the patient name and date of sample collection on it

Packaging and shipment:

- Place appropriately labeled sample tube with tightly closed cap to the Biohazard labeled bag provided by Pet Preferred Diagnostics
- Label the plastic bag with the patient name and date of sample collection (repeat information from the labeled tube)
- Place the plastic bag into the enclosed cushioned pouch
- Place the cushioned pouch with the sample in the shipping box (provided)
- Place the requisition form into the shipping box
- Place the box with the serum sample and requisition form in the prepaid mailing envelope (provided) and ship to:

Pet Preferred Diagnostics
1101 Cambridge Square, Suite "C"
Alpharetta GA, 30009

*Make sure to pack securely to protect the tube in transit.

*Please notify Pet Preferred Diagnostics about the shipment of the specimen by calling (470) 275-6851 or e-mailing contact@petpreferred.com

*The serum containing tube must be kept refrigerated (2-8 C⁰) if shipped within 1-3 days after sample collection.