



BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AND SERUM PREPARATION

Procedure:

- Fill the requisition form
- Label a cloth activator tube with serum separator (white/clear gel on the bottom of the tube) 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 2000-2500 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 cloth activator tube with serum separator, please leave the tube in upright position for 30-45 minutes until the blood is fully clotted
- Carefully transfer serum without red cells to a clear tube
- 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 a Biohazard labeled bag
- Label the plastic bag with the patient name and date of sample collection (repeat information from the labeled tube)
- Place the plastic bag into a cushioned/protective envelope or a box
- Place the requisition form into the shipping envelope/box
- Download and prepare the letter to the US Custom
- Include the letter to your shipment
- Ship the serum sample and two forms to:

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

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

*Choose your carrier (FedEx, UPS etc.). Choose 2-4 days shipping. Pet Preferred Diagnostics does not cover the international shipping but discounts all tests for \$10.

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

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

***No cool** pack is in need for this shipping