



Urine sampling - why do we do it?

We offer a free urine test with our yearly vaccination appointments. A urine sample can help diagnose urine infections, bladder stones, kidney problems, diabetes and many other conditions. The more accurate the reading the better, so this factsheet gives you guidelines on obtaining a sample.

Requirements

For the best results, a urine sample should be fresh and not contaminated. A fresh sample is less than one hour old and in a sterile container. Lanes Vets provide sample pots for clients to use. Samples that are too old or not in a sterile container will be discarded.

We ask it is a fresh sample and in a sterile container as bacteria and crystals develop rapidly in urine when in contact with atmospheric air. If the urine is over an hour old or in a non-sterile container, the likelihood of an accurate diagnosis is low.

Taking the sample

Make sure you are able to bring the sample in as soon as you take it, sometimes collecting the sample at or near the practice is a good idea. Collect the sample in a clean container and transfer the urine into a sample pot.

For cats, there is a type of plastic litter that is used to obtain urine samples. It is non-absorbent, allowing the owner to use the provided syringe and sample cup. If there are multiple cats, or the cat prefers to toilet outdoors, it is possible to take a urine sample in the surgery.

How long will the sample take to be analysed?

Lanes Vets aims to have sample results back to you on the same day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our nursing team.

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