

Janssen Clinic for Animals

A Urine Sample??

How am I going to get that?

This is a common question asked by our clients when we request a urine sample from their pet.

Why do we want a urine sample? A urine sample can help us diagnose bladder infection, diabetes, bladder stones and kidney disease.

Call us if you have any questions 608-836-0600

Collecting a urine sample from a dog: Try to collect the urine when you know that your dog has to urinate (First thing in the morning or after you come home from work).

Use a clean, plastic container.

For females and males that squat down to urinate, a shallow container works well. Keeping your dog on a leash will prevent them from walking away from you. When the dog squats, place the container under them and viola!
By George, I think you've got it!

Male Dogs: You can aim for this sample, just don't get wet. When your pet lifts his leg, place your collection container in the urine stream. Some creative people use an old soup ladle or a cup attached to a wire hanger.

Collecting a urine sample from a cat: You can obtain nonabsorbable litter from us, called Nosorb, that can be placed directly in the litter box. When kitty urinates in the Nosorb, just pour the urine (Nosorb and all) back into the container and return it to us. In multiple cat households, it will be necessary to isolate the one cat into a separate room in order to collect the sample from the right cat. Some cat owners are also able to collect urine as their cat is urinating in the litter box, by placing a shallow container under kitty's rear end.

Urine Do's and Dont's

Do drop off a fresh sample when possible. If you can't get to the clinic right away, urine can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 6 hours.

Please label the container with your pet's name.

What if I can't get the sample at home?

All is not lost!

We can obtain a urine sample from most cats by cystocentesis (inserting a small needle through the abdomen wall and into the bladder with no discomfort or side effects) if the bladder is full.

For dogs, bring your pet to JCA and leave them in the car and most of the time, our assistants can help collect a sample for you.