

Blood samples:

Please fill an EDTA tube (purple-cap) with approximately 5 mL of blood. Invert the tube several times to prevent clotting. Keep the blood at room temperature.

The blood should appear bright red and unclotted in the tube. Please try to draw another sample if you observe dark red to black clotted blood in the tube.

Although 5 mL of blood is our standard sample size, a smaller volume (2 mL or greater) is adequate if there are other extenuating circumstances.

Additional Information:

1. Please label the tubes with the following information:

Dog's registered name
Breed
AKC number
Sex

2. Please attach the following information on a separate sheet:

Owner's name and contact information
Any diseases affecting this dog
Pedigree information

3. Please include a consent form signed by owner.

Note: If sending blood for multiple dogs with the same owner, the owner information can be filled out on just one consent form. It is critical, though, that for each dog we have a consent form with the dog's information and the owner/agent signature.

Shipping Details:

Place the tubes in a cardboard mailing box. When shipping blood samples, please be careful to package it to prevent breakage and leaking.

Send the blood at room temperature as soon as possible. The blood will remain preserved for approximately 1 week. You can send by US Postal Service Priority Mail, FedEx or UPS.

Please send blood, pedigrees and consent form (labeled with the dog's full name and the owners name and contact information) to the following address:

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