

Why have you been asked to bring a Fecal (Stool) Sample?

- Intestinal parasites are harmful to your pet and contagious to other pets
- Some pet parasites can be contagious to people
- We need an adequate, fresh sample to run a test by centrifugation, the most accurate fecal test available

(For more information visit the Companion Animal Parasite Council at www.petsandparasites.org)

How often do you need to bring a sample for testing?

- Every 4 weeks for puppies/kittens until they are 16-20 weeks of age
- Every 6 months for adult pets
- If your pet is having intestinal problems like diarrhea or vomiting

Obtaining a Fecal (Stool) Sample from Your Pet:

1. Samples must be FRESH (still soft and moist) within the last 12 hours
2. Use a ziplock baggie turned inside out over your hand, or a disposable utensil, to collect the sample.
3. The sample should be approximately the size of a sugar cube, or 1/2 teaspoon
4. Seal the sample inside a ziplock baggie.
5. Store the sample in the fridge if it will be more than a few hours before you can bring it to the hospital.

NOTE: If you have multiple cats using the same litter box or outdoor dogs using the same yard, please collect a small sample from 3 different representative specimens.

