POOLING SAMPLES

SURVEILLANCE ONLY / NOT FOR INDIVIDUAL DIAGNOSIS



CONSIDERATIONS:

- POOLING SAMPLES MAY IMPACT DIAGNOSTIC SENSITIVITY.
- CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN TO DETERMINE IF POOLING SAMPLES IS APPROPRIATE AND NUMBER TO POOL.

- USE CLEAN SUPPLIES TO AVOID SAMPLE CONTAMINATION.
- LABEL SAMPLES WITH PERMANENT MARKER.
- KEEP CHILLED AFTER COLLECTION.

SAMPLES APPROVED FOR POOLING:

SWABS (NASAL, BLOOD, SPLEEN, ETC.)

BLOOD

SERUM

REFER TO TIER 1 AND TIER 2 SAMPLE TYPES FOR SPECIFIC SUPPLIES, RESTRAINT, AND COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS. REFER TO SAMPLE SUBMISSION **INSTRUCTIONS** ON SAMPLE SUBMISSION PAGE.

SWABS:

NOTE: NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SAMPLES MAY VARY

STEP 1.

PUT APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORT MEDIA INTO A 5 mL SNAP CAP TUBE.

STEP 2.

COLLECT A SWAB SAMPLE.

STEP 3.

PUT SWAB INTO SNAP CAP TUBE. VIGOROUSLY SWIRL. REMOVE THE SWAB WHILE PRESSING IT ALONG THE SIDE. DISCARD SWAB.

STEP 4.

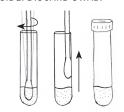
REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3 UNTIL 5 TOTAL SWAB SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SWIRLED IN THE SNAP CAP TUBE.

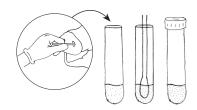
STEP 5.

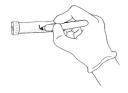
UNIQUELY LABEL EACH POOLED SAMPLE.











BLOOD:

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STEP 1.

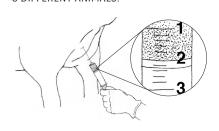
COLLECT 2 mL OF BLOOD FROM 5 DIFFERENT ANIMALS.

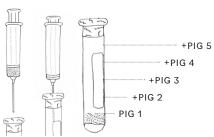
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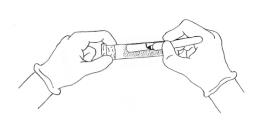
COMBINE ALL BLOOD INTO ONE TUBE FOR A TOTAL OF 10 mL.

STEP 3.

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SERA:

STEP 1.

COLLECT 5 INDIVIDUAL BLOOD SAMPLES.

STEP 2.

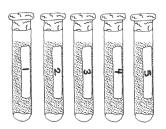
CENTRIFUGE BLOOD TUBES AT 3100 RPM FOR 8 MINUTES.

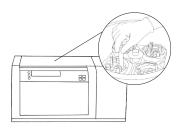
STEP 3.

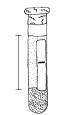
COMBINE EQUAL PORTIONS OF SERUM (TOP FRACTION) FROM THE SAMPLES INTO A SNAP CAP TUBE.

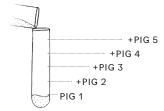
STEP 4.

UNIQUELY LABEL EACH POOLED SAMPLE.











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