

# Collecting a Urine Sample From a Cat



If you are required by a veterinarian to obtain a urine sample from a cat, please see guidelines below to assist in this procedure.

Make sure the litter tray has been thoroughly cleaned and dried. You will need to use non-absorbent material to replace the normal litter so the urine can be collected. You can be creative with what materials you use. Try cutting up plastic straws, hard uncooked white bean, shredded plastic shopping bags, or ask the vet for plastic needle caps.

Have an unused syringe and specimen cup available. If you don't have access to these, ensure what you use is made of glass or plastic and sterilized to avoid contamination. Use this syringe to draw out the urine from the tray immediately after your cat toilets.

If you have multiple cats, you will need to make sure you isolate the cat in question (in a single room), so you are certain of collecting the right sample.

For the most reliable and accurate test results, the vet will prefer to receive the urine no more than four hours old. It can be refrigerated if you have no other alternative but should be stored for no longer than 24 hours.