



## BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AND SERUM PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

(MUST be performed at a veterinary clinic)

### Procedure:

- Fill requisition form.
- Label the VACUETTE tube with serum separator (white/clear gel on the bottom of the tube) provided by Pet Preferred Diagnostics with patient name and date of sample collection.
- Collect whole blood in that tube.
- Place the tube with the collected blood in upright position and allow blood to clot at room temperature for 30–45 minutes.
- Wait for blood in the tube to be completely clotted.
- Centrifuge the tube at 2000-2500 RPM for 20 minutes to separate the serum from the clot.
- Transfer serum (supernatant) to small clear tube without serum separator gel.
- Label the clear tube with the patient's name and date of sample collection.
- Ship the tube labeled with the patient's name and date of sample collection on it.
- **Note:** If you are unable to centrifuge the VACUETTE tube, please leave the tube in upright position for 30-45 minutes until the blood is fully clotted. Carefully transfer serum without red cells to the clear tube provided by Pet Preferred Dx.

### Packaging and shipment:

- Place appropriately labeled sample tube with tightly closed cap to the Biohazard labeled bag provided by Pet Preferred Diagnostics.
- Label the plastic bag with the patient's name and date of sample collection (repeat information from the labeled tube).
- Place the plastic bag into the enclosed cushioned pouch.
- Place the cushioned pouch with the sample in the shipping box (provided).
- Place the requisition form into the shipping box.
- Place the box with the serum sample and requisition form in the prepaid mailing envelope (provided) and ship to:

Pet Preferred Diagnostics  
1101 Cambridge Square, Suite "C"  
Alpharetta GA, 30009

\*Make sure to pack securely to protect the tube in transit.

\*Please notify Pet Preferred Diagnostics about the shipment of the specimen by calling (470) 275-6851 or e-mailing [contact@petpreferred\\_dx.com](mailto:contact@petpreferred_dx.com)

\*The serum containing tube must be kept refrigerated (2-8 C<sup>0</sup>) if shipped after 1-3 days of sample collection.