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Fecal Sample Collection Guide

Fecal samples play an essential role in helping us keep your pet healthy. Though it is sometimes a dirty job, it is important that it is done correctly! Please follow the guidelines below to collect and submit a proper fecal sample for our lab.

All Pets

- Samples should be a minimum of 5 grams or the size of a U.S. quarter or 1 teaspoon.
- A quality sample should be fresh; no more than 6 hours old.
- If refrigerated the feces is good for no more than 24 hours.
- Try to avoid contaminants, such as soil or lawn chemicals when collecting your sample as these can affect the integrity of the sample.

Felines

- The sample should not have rocks or yard debris in it; however cat litter is okay. If submitting a liquid stool, it must be free of cat litter (off of carpet, linoleum, or cement is acceptable).

Packaging

It is important that samples be submitted appropriately. Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center has collection kits available at no charge. However, you can also use:

- Double plastic bags
- Small Tupperware containers

Please do NOT use:

- Glass
- Wipes/paper towels
- Medication containers (these contaminate the sample)