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## Collecting a urine sample from your pet

### Dogs

- When your dog goes to urinate place a clean container underneath and aim to collect a mid-stream sample if possible (this reduces the risk of contamination of the sample).

### Cats

- It will be virtually impossible to obtain a urine sample without the use of a litter tray. Cats that are used to urinating outdoors may need to be kept inside with a litter box until they have produced a sample.
- Use a clean, dry litter tray. Do not add newspaper or litter as these will soak up the urine.
- It is possible to purchase packets of non-absorbent plastic spheres to use as cat litter; these can be obtained from Reception.
- After your cat has passed urine, drain off a sample into a clean, dry plastic or glass container. try to collect a reasonably sized sample but do not despair – even a spoonful is sufficient to carry out the basic collection of tests!
- Bring the sample to the surgery to be tested as soon as is reasonably possible – a fresh sample will produce far more reliable results.



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- If all else fails your cat may need to be hospitalised at the surgery until a sample has been collected.

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