

How to collect a urine sample

The easiest way is to use Katkor. This is a non-absorbable litter- so when your cat urinates, it will not soak up and can be easily collected using the pipette and receptacle provided.

The fresher the sample, the more accurate the results. It is therefore best to plan to collect a sample when you can easily get it straight to the vets.

If you have one cat, and they are used to using a tray, collecting a sample should be straightforward. Simply remove your cat's usual litter, and use Katkor instead, in the normal tray. Once your cat has passed urine, just collect the sample, dispose of the Katkor and fill the tray back up as normal. Your cat may initially wait longer than usual to pass urine in the Katkor, but will usually use it eventually. Very determined cats may wait up to 24 hours, but most elderly cats will go within a few hours.

If you have more than one cat you may need to separate them for a short time in order to ensure the correct cat has used the tray. This is best done when they would usually pass urine- often first thing in the morning or after eating.

If your cat is not used to a litter tray, you will need to provide one in a quiet place, out of the way of people and other pets, not near a window/door or food/water. It may be best to shut your cat in overnight, or for the day, in the hope that they will then need the tray.

In this way, a urine sample can be easily collected from the majority of cats. If your cat becomes distressed then you will need to abandon the attempt, but this is very rare. We do also stock a different type of non-absorbable litter (Medisand) that you could try, or we can keep your pet with us for the day to collect a sample. Please call us if you need any further information or advice.