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Instructions for Drawing Blood Samples
For Blood Collection Supplies please contact us.

Whatever means of restraint is used it should cause minimal distress and should be quick and safe for both the animal and the person drawing the blood

Jugular bleeding: (3 ml's needed)

- Restrain the animal with the head elevated and pulled to the right or left to expose jugular groove on either side. A halter can be used to pull the animals head to the right or left to gain better control of the head and better access to the jugular groove.
- The jugular groove is a depression in the lower 1/3rd of the neck that extends from the head to near the shoulder. Applying pressure in this groove closer to the shoulder will cause the jugular vein to fill with blood and raise above the point at which you have applied pressure, allowing visual access to the vein.
- Insert the needle through the skin and into the vessel at about a 20 degree angle with the needle pointing towards the head and withdraw the blood sample.
- Remove the needle and apply pressure to stop the bleeding.

The following link is to a video demonstration of drawing blood:
https://vimeo.com/196317989

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Packaging and Shipping Blood Samples

DO	DO NOT
Rubber band samples together in a ziploc bag OR Shrink wrap vial in white styrofoam containers they came in	Throw loose vials in a box
	Ship in an envelope
Make sure they are secured in a box	Apply tape of any kind to a vial
	Individually wrap vial
Label with both a sequential tube number and animal ID	Excessively wrap samples
	Use white or blue top vial
	would prefer no glass

It is preferable that blood samples be cooled to room temperature (74 degrees Fahrenheit) and allowed to clot before shipping. Do not agitate the samples and do not place them immediately into refrigeration as this may cause hemolysis (breaking of the cells) and render the sample unusable.

Tubes should be kept in their original box if possible, or wrapped in a manner that will prevent breakage – such as bubble wrap – and then placed inside a sealable bag to prevent leaks. Place inside a sturdy box and padded so that there is NO movement of the items inside. The box should then be carefully sealed with packing tape.

If directions are not followed, a $25 processing fee will be added to compensate for the additional time spent on your tests.

PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS SHIPPING OPTIONS prior to collecting samples, if possible.

Address to ship samples UPS or FedEx:
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We allow our clients to use our FedEx Express account to receive a reduced rate. If you are interested in doing so, please contact us BEFORE shipping. If using our pre-printed FedEx labels, please do not drop off at Walgreens or Dollar General locations.

Address to mail samples USPS:
P.O. Box 394 Smiths Grove, KY 42171

Feel free to contact us at
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E-mail: office@dltkylab.com

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Client Billing Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Cell Number: _____

Second Contact: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Reporting Method:
☐ Email
☐ Fax
☐ Call

Preferred Billing Method:
☐ Email
☐ Mail

Preferred Invoice Timing
☐ At time of testing
☐ 1st and 15th of the month

Veterinarian: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Blood Test Submission Form

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Fax: _____

Date Sent: _____

Total # Samples _____

Payment Included: $_____

HOW TO LABEL TUBES

Sequential Tube Number

Animal ID Number

*2cc or more of blood required

WHEN TO SAMPLE

1st Calf Heifers - 25 DPB
Cows - 28 DPB and 73 days post-calving
Embryo Transfer - 25 days post implant or 32 days post-heat
Bison - 40 DPB
Goats - 30 DPB
DPB = Days Post Breeding

Check All Testing that Apply

Tube #	Animal ID	Days Bred	Cattle Pregnancy $3 each	Johnes (Cattle Only) $17 for 1-11 samples or $7 for 12+ samples	BVD Serum $4.50 each	Bison Pregnancy $5 each	Goat Pregnancy $6.50 each	Sheep Pregnancy $6.50 each	CAE/OPP $6 each
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