

DIRECTIONS FOR OBTAINING BLOOD SAMPLES

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- ❖ Save polyfoam container, as this will be used to forward blood samples to lab.
- ❖ **Before collecting blood, carefully identify the horse and print horse's name on tubes.**
- ❖ Draw blood samples using a clean, sterile vacutainer needle under aseptic conditions. The red stopper tube is for a clotted sample and the yellow stopper tube contains anticoagulant. Do not remove stoppers from tubes.
- ❖ Fill blood tubes within ¼ inch of top. Check to be certain the stoppers are secure. Slowly invert yellow tube several times.
- ❖ After obtaining the blood samples return the tubes to the polyfoam container and refrigerate a few hours before shipping.
- ❖ **PAPERWORK MUST BE INCLUDED OR SAMPLE CAN NOT BE PROCESSED.**
- ❖ Mail samples so as to arrive at laboratory no later than Thursday of any week and not just proceeding a holiday. (We do not want samples sitting at post office over weekends or holidays.) Samples can not get hot or freeze.
- ❖ Be sure to mark package: PERISHABLE - RUSH – KEEP FROM HEATING OR FREEZING
- ❖ **Ship package via First Class Mail or Express, if desired, and also note there is a five dollar charge per kit.**

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