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## Directions for Collection

# STOOL OR SKIN SAMPLE



Label the swab collection tube with the names of the veterinarian and the pet.



Wearing gloves, carefully remove the swab from the package, touching only the plastic end of the swab.

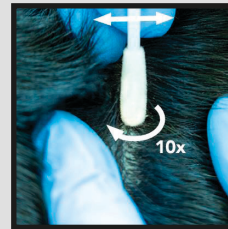
## STOOL



Stick swab into center of the fecal sample and swirl - obtain about a pea size sample if possible.  
*See examples below.*

*Avoid swabbing any part that has come in contact with the ground/environment.*

## SKIN

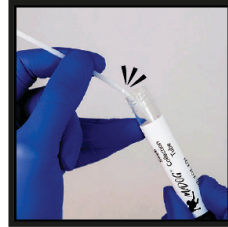


Press the swab directly onto the skin. Maintain moderate pressure while moving/twirling the swab in the area 10 times.

*Only swab the most affected area and do not swab multiple areas.*



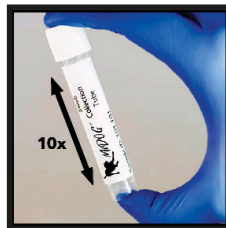
Place swab head with sample directly into the solution at the bottom of the swab collection tube.



Break off the plastic handle of the swab half-way at the breakpoint. Discard handle.



Screw the cap securely onto the swab collection tube. Ensure the tube is sealed tightly to prevent leakage.



Shake the swab collection tube 10 times to fully cover the swab with solution.



Place collection tube and forms into the shipping mailer of your choice.

## STOOL EXAMPLES

**Insufficient**



**Sufficient**



**Ideal:**  
*about a pea size amount*



# ADDITIONAL INFO

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## QUICK INFO

Kit Storage:	Room Temperature
Sample Stability:	Ambient temperature once inside the tube
Patient Per Kit:	One

## SUBMISSION WITH OTHER VDI TESTS

GI or Skin Microbiome Panel can be performed along with other tests through VDI (e.g. Advanced GI Panel or Allergy Panel) for a more comprehensive patient workup. Samples can, and should be, sent together to reduce shipping cost. If sending a Microbiome Panel along with other sample types, ensure that other samples are properly packaged according to their individual collection instructions.

The Microbiome Collection Tube can be placed inside a VDI yellow and white return envelope along with a Dry Serum Test Kit silver pouch to ensure all samples for that patient are submitted together. Likewise, if sending frozen serum, the Microbiome Collection Tube can be placed inside the styrofoam with the frozen serum sample. Contact VDI with questions.

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## CAUTION:

DNA/RNA Shield™ preservation reagent is provided in the swab collection tube. DO NOT insert swab into preservation reagent before collection sample. DO NOT drink, touch, or remove the preservation reagent from the swab collection tube. The preservation reagent is an irritant to the skin and eyes. Do not ingest preservation reagent; avoid contact with skin and eyes; wash with water for 20 minutes if exposed to skin or eyes. DO NOT induce vomiting if the preservation reagent is ingested. Obtain appropriate medical attention in the event of any exposure. Keep out of reach of children.