

The following are instructions for sending fecal samples to be tested for parasites. The samples that you send will be tested and the bill for this will be covered by Zoetis (\$37 value!!) as a courtesy to my practice.

- 1) Collect 1-2 fresh fecal balls or about 1/8 – 1/4 cup of fresh, clean feces from each animal. Put this in a clean ziplock bag labeled with your name, the animal's name in quotes, the date, and my name.
- 2) Pack several samples into larger ziplock bags such that every fecal sample is encased in at least two bags.
- 3) Fill out a copy of one of the attached form such that each animal has a space on the form (you may need to copy the form) and pack these in yet another bag (in case of leaks!!) with the fecal samples.
- 4) Pack with a cold pack or ice cubes (again, in plastic so there are no leaks!) and send to the following address:

Donald H. Bliss, Ph.D.

MidAmerica Ag Research

3705 Sequoia Trail

Verona, WI 53593

In the winter or during cooler weather, it is fine to use the pre-paid (flat-rate) boxes from the post office and line them with a several layers of newspaper. The samples will get to Dr Bliss in 2 days which is adequate. The newspaper is to insulate the cold pack and the fecal samples so that they stay chilled during transit.

We should have results in a few days, depending on how busy Dr. Bliss is at the time.

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