

The following are instructions for sending fecal samples to be tested for parasites. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LABEL EACH BAG WITH BOTH A NUMBER AND THE ANIMAL'S NAME. Example: If you are sending in three samples for Spot, Snowball, and Roadrunner, you might label the bags Spot #1, Snowball #2, and Roadrunner #3. Then fill in Spot in the number 1 spot and write his name as Spot 1. Snowball goes on line 2 as Snowball 2. And so on and so forth. If you are sending over 9 samples, you will have numbers above 9 and will have to clearly mark this on the forms.

- 1) Collect 1-2 fresh fecal balls or about 1/8 – 1/4 cup of fresh, clean feces from each animal. You may store the samples chilled for as much as 3 days, but DO NOT FREEZE. Put each sample in a clean ziplock bag labeled with your name, the animal's name, and the number you assigned.
- 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 forms 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 use frozen water bottles. Send to the following address:

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MidAmerica Ag Research  
3705 Sequoia Trail  
Verona, WI 53593

- 5) Send using the flat-rate Priority postal boxes, an ice pack, and some insulating material or your own insulated box.

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

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