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INFORMATION REGARDING BLOOD SAMPLE SENDING FOR RABIES SEROLOGICAL TESTING

Thank you for choosing our laboratory for rabies serological testing.
You will find below some information concerning the rabies serological testing performed in our laboratory :

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Technical data

- Rabies serological testing is performed with FAVN technique according to the national reference laboratory criteria (AFSSA Nancy);
- Period of time required to perform the test : 2 weeks ;

Blood sample

- Your veterinarian can collect the blood with vacuum tubes without heparine and without EDTA. Then, you have to centrifuge the tube in order to collect only the serum (the supernatant). It is better to send us serum samples because sometimes the blood can be hemolysed and in that case, the serological analysis cannot be carried out;
- The serum samples can be stored at -20°C without problem. 1 ml or more of serum is required to carry out the serological test. You can use an international carrier to transport the parcel (such as UPS, TNT, DHL...). The best thing is to send the serum in a refrigerated parcel (with ice packs) which will protect the sample (with cotton wool or manila paper for example).

Related informations

- A veterinary prescription or the rabies serology request form (that you will find attached) filled in by a veterinarian must be attached with the serum sample. The veterinary prescription has to contain the following information :
 - Name and address of the pet's owner
 - Name and address of the vet
 - Name of the pet
 - Species
 - Tattoo number and/or microchip number of the pet
 - Date of last rabies vaccination
 - Date of blood sampling

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