Specimen shipping instructions for Purolator for IDEXX Reference Laboratories

Packaging your specimen

1. Label specimens properly (figure 1).

- Each specimen should be identified with:
 - · Patient first and last name
 - Date
 - Sample type
- Use clear, legible writing—the clearer the handwriting, the less chance of error.
- If using label:
 - Do not apply label over cap/lid.
 - Do not wrap label around tube.
 - Do not leave excess label hanging off/sticking out from tube.
 - Do not cover contents of tube with label.
- Do not use tape to seal the tube shut.

2. Include a test requisition form.

Fold the form in quarters as illustrated in figure 2.
 IMPORTANT: Place the form in the rear pocket of the specimen bag with the bar code facing out.

3. Box the specimens (figure 3).

- Place specimens in the specimen bag, one patient per bag.
- Place the sealed specimen bag in an IDEXX-Direct® shipping box (multiple specimen bags can be included in one box).
- Include a cold pack in a separate sealed bag in the box.
 IMPORTANT: Keep cold pack and specimen bags separate—do not insert cold pack into specimen bag; do not insert samples into cold pack.
- Do not include packing materials, i.e., no peanuts, newspaper, or bubble wrap.

Need specimen bags and boxes? Go to **idexx.ca** and sign in to IDEXX Online Orders or call IDEXX at **1-800-667-3411**.

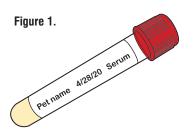


Figure 2.

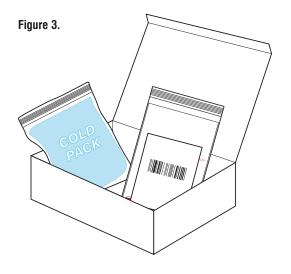




Fold in half horizontally, so bar code is visible.

Fold in half again vertically, so bar code is visible.

Place form in specimen bag pocket, **bar code facing out**.



Shipping your specimen via Purolator

- **1. Package specimen**—Place the IDEXX-Direct® box into a Purolator Express® Pack (figure 4) and seal.
- 2. Address—Attach a preprinted Purolator waybill to your package.
- **3. Arrange pickup**—Go to **purolator.com** or call **1-888-SHIP-123** (1-888-744-7123).

Figure 4.



Tracking your package

Go to **purolator.com** and enter your tracking number in the **Track** a **shipment** field, or call **1-888-SHIP-123** (**1-888-744-7123**).

