

SAMPLING METHODS SM12 - Version 01

1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- ✎ Whatman No. 3 blotter.
- ✎ No. 11 scalpel blade.

2 STORAGE OF SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

Keep in a dry and dust-free place.

3 SAMPLING METHODS

Collect blood from the tail (coccygeal vein):

- ✎ Insert the scalpel tip under the midline of the tail about 10 cm from its base.
- ✎ In case of bleeding, apply a tourniquet for 2 hours.

Blotter sampling guidelines:

- ✎ Soak both sides thoroughly, ensuring full penetration through the entire thickness of the blotter and covering at least half its surface.
- ✎ Let each blotter air-dry individually.

4 PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION OF SAMPLES TO THE LABORATORY

- ✎ Place blotters in a paper envelope or absorbent paper to avoid condensation.
- ✎ Clearly label each blotter.
- ✎ Place submission forms in a separate envelope from the samples.
- ✎ Deliver samples to the laboratory or dispatch them as soon as possible.
- ✎ Keep refrigerated if shipping the next day.

KEY POINTS

1. Ensure blotters are fully soaked.
2. Allow blotters to dry completely.
3. Label samples clearly.