aCIRDC Advanced Testing: New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory via WestVet

Date:

Dog's Name:	Breed:	Age:	Sex: **M F MN FS**

Owner's Name:	Owner's Zip Code:

Clinical Signs (circle all that apply):

Coughing   Nasal discharge   Eye discharge   Sneezing   Reverse wheezing

Labored breathing   Lethargy   Inappetance   Fever   Pneumonia

Other:

Duration of Clinical Signs:

Treatment:

Treatment Before Sampling:

Prior or Pending Diagnostics:

Veterinarian:	Phone:	Email:

Sample Collection Guidelines
Please follow your standard procedure for collecting respiratory samples from dogs, using either nasal or oropharyngeal swabs, Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL), or Tracheal Wash (TW) fluid.

Sampling Materials:
- Synthetic swabs are ideal. Plastic swabs with cotton tips may be used. Wooden swabs are not recommended.
- Sterile, additive-free test tubes (i.e. white-top tube).
- Sterile saline

Nasal Swab Collection: Gently insert the swab tip as far into a nostril as possible and rub to collect epithelial cells. Most dogs will tolerate this procedure once. Open the tube, insert about one-third of the swab stick into it, then snap or cut the handle so that the swab tip falls inside. Securely close the tube.

Oropharyngeal Swab Collection: With the help of an assistant to open the dog's mouth, vigorously swab the back of the oropharynx near the tonsils, avoiding the tongue and heavy saliva contamination. Open the tube, insert about one-third of the swab stick into it, then snap or cut the handle so that the swab tip falls inside. Securely close the tube.

Preparation: After collection, combine the swab with 1.5 ml of sterile saline in a sterile, additive-free tube (i.e. white-top tube). If necessary, trim the swab handle to ensure it fits into the tube. Securely recap the tube. Each sample tube should be labeled with the patient's information. Freeze the sample immediately.

Shipping
Samples should be shipped directly from the freezer, packaged in a Styrofoam box with ice packs, and sent via overnight delivery to:

WestVet
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