



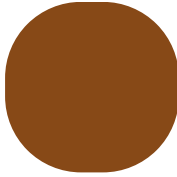



BVDV Pooled Ear Notch Sample Collection and PCR Testing

SAMPLE COLLECTION

- Ear notches should be collected into dry, individual tubes (see below) labelled with the animal ID. A best effort should be made to push ears to the bottom of the tubes.
- Ear notches received in containers other than appropriate tubes will be charged a \$4/sample handling fee.
- Keep ear notches cold until ready to ship and ship on ice.
- WSVL must receive ear notches within 3 days of collection to be valid samples for the pooled PCR test.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Acceptable tube size varies by size of the ear notch - see below for recommendations.

Ear Notch Size:			
Ear Notch Area: (+Candy Equivalent)	0.5 cm ² (Tic Tac) 	1.0 cm ² (Skittle) 	2.5 cm ² (Starburst) 
Required Tubes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5mL snap cap tube • 6mL red top or other tube w/o additives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-10mL red top or other tube w/o additives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10mL red top or other tube w/o additives

- DO NOT USE: Whirl-pak bags, OB gloves, or zip-top bags for ear notch submission.

PCR TESTING INFORMATION

- Cost - \$45/pool. Samples will be pooled by Virology personnel.
- Ear notches are tested within one business day of receipt.
- Individual ear notches from positive pools will be retested by ELISA, at a cost of \$3/sample.

