



Swans Veterinary Services: Bulk Milk Tank sampling, storage and transportation

Thank you for choosing to work with Swans Veterinary Services. Please read the following instructions before taking a BMT sample to provide us with a quality representative sample ensuring accurate results. If you wish to have a PCR screen test conducted on your milk sample, please follow the instructions carefully outlined in Section 1, 2 and 3.

Section 1. Sampling Procedure for Bulk Milk Antibody Testing

1. Collect samples directly from the bulk tank using a sterile, clean and dry container. Ensure that sample is taken from well-mixed milk.
2. Label the container appropriately and make sure the lid is secured and won't leak.
3. Fill out the Swans Vet submission sheet completely for the relevant sample.
4. **Do not leave sample in a warm place, in direct sunlight, or in a place where the sample may be damaged/compromised.**
5. After sampling, **freeze the container and its contents until ready to transport.**

Section 2. Sampling Procedure for Bulk Milk PCR Testing

- A. From the original Antibody sample, carefully transfer enough mixed milk into a clean, sterile vial to fill $\frac{3}{4}$ of its volume.
- B. Carefully reseal the vial and label it appropriately.
- C. **FREEZE THE PCR SAMPLE and ship to Swans Veterinary Services.**

Section 3. Transporting Milk Samples

Send milk samples to:

**Swans Veterinary Services
Lot 83 Sheldon Road
Esperance WA 6450**

Samples should be shipped in a **small esky with frozen ice bricks**. Ideally, the sample(s) will be well protected within the esky, in a small cardboard box, or in bubble wrap. The submission paperwork for the samples should also be included in a separate bag to ensure it stays dry.

If your sample contains a milk preservative it can be shipped to us via Express Post.

If your sample does not contain preservative, please use Startrack (from anywhere in Australia for \$26.00 + GST using our account number). Our account number is 6721724. Select 'Overnight Domestic' delivery. The phone number to make pick-up arrangements is 13 23 45. All freighting charges will then be billed back to you by our surgery. Please make sure your package has outside dimensions under **20,000 cubic centimeters and weighs under 5 kgs**. To check the dimensions simply multiply the height x width x length. If you require any assistance with a Startrack booking or con notes, please call or email the lab and we will organize if for you. **Mark the package with 'PLEASE KEEP FROZEN' to ensure your sample arrives in good condition.**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, or visit our website for more information at www.swansvet.com