



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 Bulk Milk Tank sample for Antibody and/or PCR testing.

Section 1. Sampling Procedure for Bulk Milk Tank Antibody and PCR Testing

1. Collect samples directly from the vat using a sterile, clean and dry container (yellow top specimen containers are recommended).
2. Label the container appropriately.
3. Add milk preservative (this can be obtained from Swans Vets); please ensure the lid is secured.
4. Fill out the Swans Vets submission sheet completely for the relevant sample.
5. **Do not leave sample in a warm place, in direct sunlight, or in a place where the sample may be damaged/compromised.**
6. Once the preservative tablet has dissolved, freeze the sample until ready to transport.

Section 2. Transporting Milk Samples

Send milk samples to:

**Swans Veterinary Services
BVDV Laboratory
Lot 83 Shelden 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.

Samples can either be sent to us via Express Post or a freight company of your choice.

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

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