

# Rules for InPouch TF or TF Transit Tube Submission

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## Media Storage

- Store uninoculated media at **room temperature** in the **dark**.

## Rejection of Samples

- **Samples in expired media will be rejected.**
- **Leaking InPouches or Transit Tubes will be rejected.**
- **Refrigerated InPouches or Transit Tubes will be rejected. Refrigeration of any kind may kill the organism and increase the possibility for false negative results.**
- **Samples more than approximately 72 hours old will have a statement added to the report with age of sample. Samples older than approximately 4 days will be rejected. Drive samples to the lab or overnight mail/UPS/FedEx.**
- **DO NOT tamper with the media expiration date or lot number. Media with altered or missing expiration dates or lot numbers will be rejected.**

## Inoculation of InPouches

- Inoculate the media with 1 to 2 ml of sample and carefully force all fluid into the lower chamber of the InPouch.
- Roll the pouch down all the way to the label. This prevents leaking and cross-contamination during transport. **DO NOT** tape or staple the pouches. Taped pouches are easily torn when processing in the lab and stapled pouches leak. Rolling down is sufficient to prevent leaking.
- Label the pouches with the Animal ID, Tube # (corresponding to the submission form), and date of sampling. You may also add the Veterinarian and Owner if you like.
- Sample collection video from Texas A & M: <http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/testing/bovine-trichomoniasis-testing/>

## Inoculation of Transit Tubes

- Inoculate the media with 1 to 2 ml of sample and secure the cap on the tube to prevent leaking.
- Label the tube with Animal ID, Tube #, date of sampling. You may also add the Veterinarian and Owner.

## Shipping Samples

- Samples must reach the lab within **48 hours** of inoculation. Inoculated media must remain at room temperature in the dark until the lab receives them.
- **DO NOT** refrigerate samples before shipping. **DO NOT** ship with an ice pack.
- Include the submission form with the sample.

## Fees and Turnaround

- Each in-state submission is subject to a \$10.00 accession fee and each out-of-state submission a \$30.00 accession fee. Samples submitted for individual Trichomonas testing will cost \$30.00 per animal. Pooled samples up to 5 animals will cost \$30.00 per pool. There will be an additional \$30.00 charge per sample for retesting positive pooled samples individually.
- Samples will be pooled if requested by the submitter. Request must be documented on the submission form.
- PCR is performed once weekly. Under normal circumstances, samples received by Friday at noon will be tested the following Monday with results available on Tuesday. Any suspect positive samples will be retested and will take longer. Please take into account normal circumstances include a fully staffed department with a normal work load. If a State Holiday falls on Monday, results will be delayed by one day.

## Submission Forms

Use the General Submission Form and Multi-animal Continuation Form for submission. Both forms are available at <http://labs.alabama.gov/>.