

Sampling kit for pig diarrhoea outbreak

To be used in the event of suspected porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus (PEDv) outbreak. Samples will be tested for PED/TGE and Deltacoronavirus and results returned to your vet. Samples received nationally for the first one hundred farms will be tested free of charge, after this tests will be charged to farms via the vet practice in the usual way, at the SACCVS list price (currently £40.00 plus VAT for a pool of five faecal samples). Free sample testing will only be provided if you agree to release your details. *(Please only submit samples for animals that are showing the signs mentioned on the covering letter enclosed with this document).*

This kit contains:

- Two pairs of gloves
- Five sample pots
- One sampling spoon
- One padded polythene bag for the samples
- One submission form
- One pre-addressed postage box

In the event of suspected PEDv (diarrhoea in most ages of pigs, especially piglets with a high number of piglet deaths) please collect and send samples as follows:

- Using the gloves and spoon, collect freshly-passed faeces from affected pens
- Use one pot per pen; can include material from up to 5 pigs per pot
- Screw the tops on reasonably firmly to avoid leakage
- Clean the outside of the pots if they get dirty
- Write the pen number or location on each pot
- Place cleaned pots in the padded polythene bag and seal the bag
- Place the bag with the samples in the postage box
- Complete the enclosed submission form and place it in the box, on top of the sample bag
- Close-up the box and post to the lab (**postage to be paid by the sender**)
- If there is any delay between collecting and sending the samples for example if samples are collected one day and sent the next, please keep them refrigerated after collection

Please submit samples to:

SAC Consulting Veterinary Services
Bush Estate
Penicuik
EH26 0QE

On receipt, samples will be tested for PED and reported as soon as possible. If the samples are negative for PED, additional testing to determine the cause of diarrhoea can be carried out on request. Any additional testing will be invoiced to your veterinary practice in the usual way. Please discuss the disease problem and the tests required with your vet.

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