

Parathyroid Hormone

(Canine only)

SAMPLE REQUIRED:

Frozen Serum minimum 1.0 ml

BLOOD TUBE REQUIRED:

Serum tube, red top

Indications:

Investigation of unexplained hypercalcaemia or hypocalcaemia.

Collection Protocols:

1. A fasting sample is preferred.
2. Collect at least 2ml of blood into a red top serum tube.
3. Allow the sample to clot for 30 minutes at room temperature.
4. After 30 minutes, centrifuge the tube.
5. Harvest the serum and place into a new red top serum tube.
6. Freeze the separated serum sample.

When arranging a courier, advise a frozen collection is required.

Notes:

- If ionised calcium is also required, a separate tube and separate form will be required. Please see the collection protocol for ionised calcium for sample handling requirements.
- If ionised calcium is assayed in-house (recommended at time of PTH sample collection), please submit the ionised calcium result along with the submission form.
- A full clinical history (biochemistry, imaging, clinical examination findings, medications, etc.) is required to assist with result interpretation.