
Overview

This standard covers collecting samples from animals in a Home Office designated establishment.

You will collect samples from animals in the form of body fluids and tissue using the most appropriate method. The purpose of collecting samples and the nature of the samples collected will be determined by the work for which you are responsible. You must handle, label and store samples correctly to prevent damage and contamination, and send them for analysis where necessary.

This standard is for licensed animal technologists in Home Office designated establishments.

It is essential that you work strictly within the limits of both your personal licence and the relevant project licence.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 use safe practices and appropriate personal protective equipment when carrying out scientific or technical activities
- P2 maintain appropriate hygiene levels and bio-security
- P3 confirm the identity of the animal and the required procedure for collecting samples against available information
- P4 confirm that all the required equipment and materials are available and in a fit state for use
- P5 handle and restrain the animal as necessary for collecting samples
- P6 collect samples from animals using the appropriate method
- P7 carefully handle, label and store samples collected from animals to prevent damage and contamination
- P8 send samples for analysis as soon as practicable where this is required
- P9 minimise the discomfort and stress of the animal wherever possible
- P10 observe animal for any adverse effects and take appropriate action
- P11 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P12 keep accurate and up to date records as required by legislation and the organisation
- P13 conduct all activities within the provision of your personal licence and the project licence
- P14 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P15 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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| K1 | the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment when carrying out scientific or technical activities |
| K2 | the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved |
| K3 | the types of information that could be used to identify the animal and the planned procedure for collecting samples |
| K4 | the types of equipment and materials required for different procedures and how to identify that they are in a fit state for use |
| K5 | how to position and restrain animals for the collection of different samples |
| K6 | how to collect samples from animals using different methods |
| K7 | how to minimise the discomfort and distress of animals during procedures |
| K8 | the possible adverse effects of handling and collecting samples and the action to take |
| K9 | how to handle, label and store samples to avoid damage and contamination |
| K10 | the procedures for sending samples for analysis where required |
| K11 | appropriate records to be kept and their significance |
| K12 | the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste |
| K13 | the provisions of your personal licence and the provisions of the project licence |
| K14 | your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice |
| K15 | your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies |

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