

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

XX	PROFILE	INSTRUCTIONS
XX	Thyroid Antibody, D8T (20124)	If the patient is already on thyroid medication the blood should be drawn 4-6 hours after giving thyroid medication. Collect 3 to 5 mL of blood. Add to red top tube or serum separator tube (SST). Allow to clot, centrifuge and separate serum. Transfer serum to empty red top or plastic tube. DO NOT SEND UNSEPARATED BLOOD. 1.0 mL serum is required for the Thyroid Antibody Profile. Test includes T3, T4, free T3, free T4, T3 autoantibodies and T4 autoantibodies.
XX	Add-On TgAA	<u>Note:</u> Good for genetic screening. Send 0.5 mL separated serum.
OPTIONAL	OFA Panel	Send 2.0 ml of separated serum.

SEND 1 tube with 1.5 cc of serum for both of the above tests

- **LABEL TUBES CLEARLY WITH PETS NAME AND OWNERS LAST NAME**
- Ship samples in a **sturdy cardboard box** with plenty of padding.
- **Do not** freeze samples. Blue & lavender top tubes require an ice pack with an overnight courier.
- Send by US Priority Mail, US Express Mail, Fed-Ex, UPS or other courier.
- Samples received in our office Monday – Saturday.
- **HEMOPET** will process and submit samples to Antech Diagnostics for analysis. **Dr. Dodds** will follow with interpretations and recommendations.
- Send check, money order or credit card info along with samples to:

HEMOPET
11330 Markon Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841

Any questions, please call our office – 714-891-2022 Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM.

Download additional forms from <http://www.hemopet.org/services.html>

FOR UK THYROIDITIS GENOME PROJECT

XX	Whole blood for grant #2447	Collect 5-7 ml of blood in EDTA tubes. No further processing is required.
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- Wrap the samples to protect them. Ship **chilled** with cold packs **OVERNIGHT** so that samples arrive on a **Monday – Saturday**, excluding Holidays.

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- **HEMOLIFE** will submit samples to ANTECH for analysis and Dr. Dodds will follow up with issuing reports and interpretations. Any questions please call (714) 891-2022 (blood bank) or fax (714) 891-2123.