

QM Diagnostics has compiled the Vivum sampling kit for taking various types of biological samples for health monitoring testing. Vivum is Latin for 'keeping alive'. With just one kit, you have everything you need to collect all required diagnostic samples; the easy-to-use Microtainer or Dry Blood Spot (DBS) to take blood samples, as well as bacterial swabs, flock swabs to detect ectoparasites and tubes to gather faeces for bacterial culture, Helicobacter and pinworm PCR. This way, the Vivum sampling kit provides the best combination of samples for testing an almost complete FELASA panel!

The Vivum sampling kit is easy to use and allows pooling of samples of animals. It does not require shipping of live animals, nor dry ice for shipment. Convenience is the key!

Best solution of optimal sample site and optimal diagnostic technique



The Vivum sampling kit is recommended for those situations in which it is not desirable to sacrifice animals. For instance in case of difficult breeding with low numbers of offspring, introduction of breeding couples into the animal facility to start a new animal line, import screening in general or foster mothers and their offspring after rederivation.

Vivum sampling kits are available for immune deficient mice and rats (without serological testing) and immune competent mice, rats and rabbits (including serological testing), all based on the FELASA recommendations. Handy leaflets are available per animal species which show you the detailed overviews at a glance.

Starting to use the Vivum sampling kit

The chance of success of finding infections is related to the quality of the diagnostic sample. We consider the quality of sampling so important that the Vivum sampling kit is only provided after an onsite sampling training by a qualified QM Diagnostics biotechnician. All instructions for taking the samples are summarised on the package of the kit. In addition, a video with clear instructions is available to watch at your convenience.

