

# Collection and Packaging of Intestinal Parasites



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## Supplies Needed for Intestinal Parasites



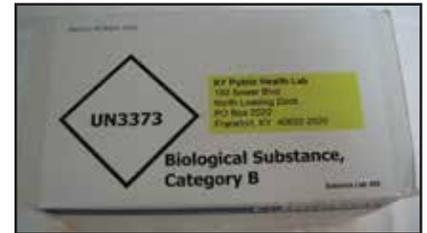
Zn-PVA Vial with built-in collection spoon and 10% Formalin Vial with built-in collection spoon



95kPa bag with Absorbent



Outreach Form or Lab Form 219



Multishipper box

## Collection of Specimen

**DO NOT DISCARD LIQUID IN THE VIAL**

1. Store Formalin and Zn-PVA vials at room temperature.
2. Check expiration date of specimen vial.
3. Make sure two identifiers or lab label is on specimen vial.
4. For optimal identification collect both vials.
5. Three specimens spaced a few days apart should be sent for examination.

1. Collect stool specimen into clean container. DO NOT mix urine or water with sample.
2. Using the built-in spoon, add sufficient stool to each vial to bring the liquid up to the "Fill to Here" line. Tighten cap and shake firmly to ensure specimen is mixed.
3. Wash hands thoroughly.

The Formalin/Zn-PVA vial system assures the preservation of parasites if present in fecal material when there is a delay in transportation.

## Packaging and Shipping

1. Place sample vials into 95kPa bag with Zorb sheet and seal.
2. Place 95kPa bag inside the multishipper box.
3. Set laboratory form inside box. Address label should be on the outside of the box. Specimen should be mailed to the KY Public Health Lab in a timely manner.

