

**TICK COLLECTION IN PROPYLENE GLYCOL: PACKING INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTERS**

Please follow these instructions for the submission of tick collections to the Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory.

The vials for tick collection contain propylene glycol. Propylene glycol is not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG) and is safe to transport by air or road.

Please ensure the following information is included on the Specimen Advice Sheet.

- Collection date.
- Location of animal.
- Any clinical signs consistent with *Ehrlichia canis* infection.
- Any travel history to Western Australia or the Northern Territory.

Each pack contains:

- 6 x 5mL tubes with ~2 mL 40% propylene glycol in each tube.
- 3 small snap lock plastic bags (each bag has a small amount of absorbent material).
- Gloves (2 pairs).
- Specimen Advice Sheet.
- Specimen Advice Sheet – *Ehrlichia canis* Supplement.
- A large plastic bag for inclusion of the above contents.
- Return addressed padded bag.

Packing instructions:

1. Place ticks in the propylene glycol provided.
1. Place ticks from different dogs in separate vials and label (date and location).
2. Pack vials into a small snap lock bag with the provided pink absorbent material. Excess air should be excluded from all snap lock bags before sealing.
3. Place in addressed postage bag provided with the completed **Specimen Advice Sheet** and **Specimen Advice Sheet – *Ehrlichia canis* Supplement** (optional, but preferred) and send to the Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory.
4. Transport samples without delay.

Postal Address:

Specimen Receipt (Loading Dock 12)  
Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory  
Health and Food Sciences Precinct  
39 Kessels Road  
Coopers Plains QLD 4108

For additional information or for additional kits contact the [Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory](#) or the Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.