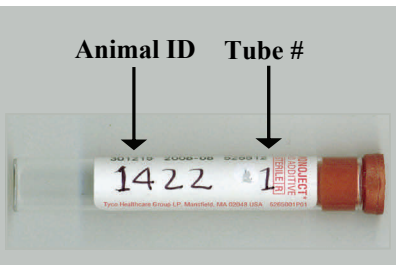


# Tailbleeding Procedure

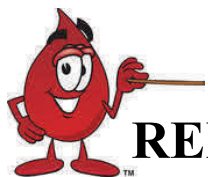


1. Screw the Vacutainer needle onto the needle holder
2. Insert the Vacutainer tube into the other end of the needle holder. Do Not puncture the stopper. Hold these assembled materials in one hand.
3. Lift the cow's tail with the other hand
4. Insert the needle about 1/2 inch deep and perpendicular to the tail at the underside, midline and at about 3-6 inches from the base of the tail
5. Blood will appear once the vein is punctured. If it does not appear, pull the needle out slightly and reinsert.
6. Once blood is observed, push the tube onto the needle, maintaining the vacuum.
7. Collect at least 2cc blood
8. Withdraw the needle from the skin and remove the tube and needle from the tube holder
9. Discard the needle in a Sharps container, reuse the holder. Use a new needle for each cow.

# Shipping Procedure



3. Label the tube with the Animal ID and Tube Number (the tube number should always be closest to the red stopper)
4. Completely fill out the Sample Submission Form (a column for tube # is already on the form)
5. Prepare samples for shipment (green boxes or styrofoam shippers are preferred but bundled tubes are also accepted)
  - ★ If bundling tubes: bundle tubes in groups of 1-10 and wrap with an elastic band
- ★ Wrap bundles with absorbent paper towels or newspaper (enough to absorb all liquid if a tube breaks) and place in a sealed plastic bag (Ziploc etc)
6. Place bags in a box lined with bubble wrap or absorbent paper (we do not recommend padded envelopes)
  - ★ INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION FORM!
  - ★ DO NOT include ice packs



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7. Mail or courier samples to BioCheck (Canada Post, Purolator, DHL, and Greyhound are all acceptable)