

Instructions for collecting alpaca and llama faecal samples (Version 1, 16/12/19)

Gastrointestinal parasites in camelids in the UK

Materials provided

Universal tubes – prelabelled with premises ID and sample number

Disposable gloves

Wooden spatulas

Packaging and envelope with postage prepaid for posting samples

Sample submission form

Method

- 1) Complete the consent form
- 2) You may find it easier to corral your llamas or alpaca on hard standing before collecting faeces
- 3) Don disposable gloves
- 4) Using a spatula, collect a fresh faecal sample (enough to fill about a half of a universal tube) from an enclosure where alpacas or llamas are kept
- 5) Place the sample in a numbered universal tube
- 6) Record the species and age of the animal which produced the sample. If you do not know which animal produced the sample, list the number, species and ages of all animals in the enclosure
- 7) Repeat the process for further samples. Please collect each sample from a different animal or enclosure. Please use a fresh spatula each time and place each sample in a separate container
- 8) Place the tubes in the plastic bag provided containing absorbent material. Seal the bag
- 9) Remove disposable gloves and wash your hands well with soap and water.
- 10) Place sealed bag with samples in the postage box provided and place inside the addressed envelope along with your completed questionnaire and consent form
- 11) Send the package to us by Royal Mail (postage has already been paid)

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Contact details: