

# Shipping Box Packing Guide

There are four steps to safely packaging a sample to send to the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). Adhering to these four steps will ensure your sample arrives at TVMDL safely.



## Step 1

- Prepare a rigid outer package that will contain the secondary packaging.
- Use a cold pack if specimen must remain at a refrigerated temperature.



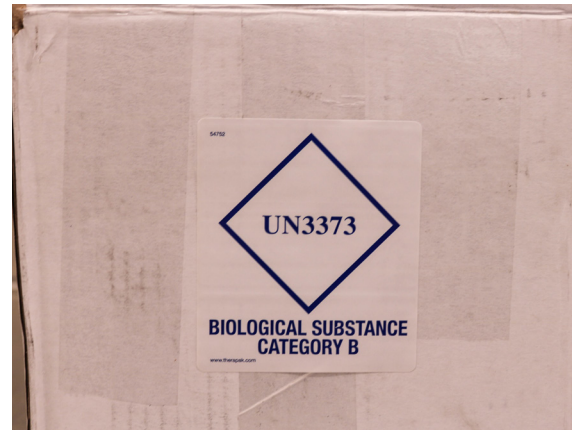
## Step 2

- Ensure blood tubes have adequate cushioning and are bagged to prevent leakage.
- Add a layer of filler between the cold packs and specimen.
- Package paperwork in its own bag.



## Step 3

- Add additional filler to decrease empty space within the secondary packaging.
- Secure the entire package with tape.



## Step 4

- Label the package in accordance to the specimen's classification.
- Send to TVMDL using preferred carrier.

Visit [tvmdl.tamu.edu](http://tvmdl.tamu.edu), hover over “Deliver a Sample” on the main menu and click on “Packaging Samples for Shipment” for more information on how to properly ship specimens for diagnostic testing at TVMDL.