

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.



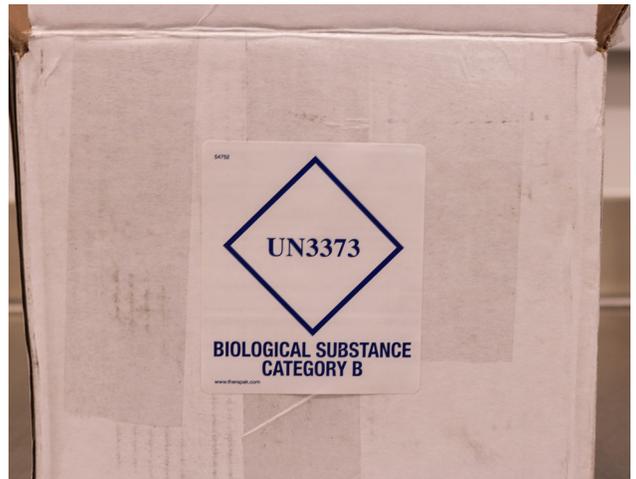
Step 1: Prepare a rigid outer package that will contain the secondary packaging. Use a cold pack if specimen must remain at a refrigerated temperature.



Step 2: To prevent damage to specimens in transit, 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.

Visit 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.