

Blood Draw Completed

Mail to:
United Vaccines Inc.
Customer Service Dept.
2826 Latham Drive
Madison, WI 53713

Be sure you wrap your blood samples up in bubble wrap, or send them in a box. If the sample breaks, or there is not enough blood they will not charge you for the test and you can resubmit another one. Postage is on you though.

You will receive the results by phone in 3-4 days and by mail in 7-10 days.

My Ferret is Negative, Now What?

If your ferret is negative, insure that he/she stays that way. Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling strange ferrets or ferret items. Bleach any used items you buy and don't let your ferret mingle with untested ferrets.

My Ferret is Positive!

If your ferret is positive, just be sure not to infect anyone else's ferret by always washing your hands and keeping your ferret out of public areas. **Your ferret can still live a normal life!** It is wise not to get other ferrets until you have an ADV negative home. Also, warn your vet before visits so they can schedule other ferrets at a different time.

Which of these ferrets are ADV Positive?



They all are.

**If you don't test, you
don't know.**

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You Can Safely Test for ADV at Home!



Use this step-by-step
manual to safely ADV test
your ferrets!

- Ordering information for all supplies and tools given.
- Pictorial step-by-step instructions are easy to follow.
- Download all mailing forms via the Internet!
- Tips and tricks for easy testing
- Save vet fees!
- Save ferrets from a deadly disease!



ADV -- What It Is!

ADV : Aleutian Mink Disease Virus, or ADV, is a parvo virus that infects mink, ferrets, raccoons, skunks, and possibly other Mustilidae. There are no treatments and no vaccines, pure and simple.

Why Test?

The greatest danger of ADV is that an animal can have the disease and be spreading it without showing any symptoms. ADV is passed via saliva, feces, urine, and in the placenta. Some strains are believed to be passed by airborne particulate!

Materials Needed!

- Nail Clippers
- Paper Towel
- Cardboard 2"x2"
- Glass Hematocrit Tubes
- Styptic; Silver Nitrate; or Corn Starch.
- Parvocide or 10% bleach solution in a bowl or spray bottle.
- Form to send to United Vaccines
- Sealing Clay
- Ferret & it always helps to have a partner to help!

Where to Get them!

- The easiest place is through United Vaccine. Call 1-800-283-6465 and ask for the CEP test kit. It is about \$15 and you receive 200 tubes, cardboard, and putty.
- Ask your vet or human doctor
- Call your local ferret shelter

Steps to Testing

1) Download or make a submittable form. Fill in all of your information. A printable form is available for your use at: <http://www.emmettferret.org/ADV.pdf>

Other Phone:
Ferret's Name as it will be used:
Blood sample 1)
Blood sample 2)
Blood sample 3)
Blood sample 4)
Blood sample 5)
Blood sample 6)
Blood sample 7)
Blood sample 8)

2) Collect your materials in a clean and disinfected area. Wash down your surface with parvocide or bleach --clean clippers and your hands thoroughly.



3) Get materials ready.

Write the first ferret's name on the paper next to the #1.



4) Choose the first ferret and put them in a carrier or in a safe place.



5) Write the first ferret's name on the paper and write a #1 next to the slot on the cardboard.



6) Have a partner scruff the ferret and then you can cut the toenail into the pink. Be sure your tube is ready.



7) Hold the end of the tube to the bleeding toenail. Lean the tube down. When full (to the red line) plug the far-end with your finger.



8) Your scene may look something like this. Don't worry, Pickleweed isn't being hurt, but he REALLY wants to get down.



9) Put the end into the putty (only one end) and you can let go of the top. The blood should stay in the tube.



10) Slide the tube into the appropriately numbered slot in the cardboard.



11) Use styptic to stop the bleeding toenail. Monitor for a minute or two to be sure the bleeding has stopped.



12) Disinfect the area again Wash down your surface with parvocide or bleach -- clean clippers and your hands thoroughly before testing ferret #2. Rinse & Repeat

