**When are the tests performed?**
Tests are set up once a week, typically on Monday afternoon.

**When are the results available?**
Results are available on Thursday or Friday each week and are emailed directly to your veterinarian.

**Do I need to send payment with the sample?**
No. A bill will be sent to the address provided on the submission form.

**How do samples need to be shipped?**
Overnight shipping is NOT necessary. If feces are placed in rubbing alcohol as we suggest, they will be stable long-term at any temperature and can be shipped by any ground carrier. Refrigeration, freezing, or overnight shipment is not necessary.

**What kind of fecal sample is best?**
Feces must be diarrheic. Formed samples rarely test positive even if occult infection is present.

Avoid litter contamination of the feces. If collecting a voided fecal sample, try temporarily lining the litter pan with newspaper.

Samples collected directly from the cat using a loop or colon ‘flush’ are best. For more details on how we perform these collections, please consult our Owner’s Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment of TF Infection at JodyGookin.com.

**How much feces do I need to submit?**
Submit a lima-bean sized amount of fresh feces. Put the feces in a red-top vacutainer tube and then fill the rest of the tube with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol).

**How long must my cat be off of antibiotics prior to testing?**
Cats should not be receiving any antibiotics for at least 7 days prior to collecting the fecal sample.

**How much does the test cost?**
$77.00 per fecal sample when sent directly to our laboratory.

**What is the difference between your PCR and one provided by another laboratory?**
Our laboratory was the first to design, validate and publish a PCR test for *T. foetus* and to validate and publish the most effective way to extract DNA from cat feces.

Any proceeds from our PCR service go directly to promoting research on *T. foetus* infection.

We do not require samples to be shipped overnight or under refrigeration.

We perform exhaustive quality control steps including

- A *T. foetus* PCR test with concurrent positive and negative control samples in each run.
- A confirmatory restriction digest of positive samples to ensure sequence amplification specific to *T. foetus*

We offer personalized service and consultation to RDVMs. Each and every test result is reviewed by Dr. Gookin.