



### **Collecting Urine from your Cat at home**

- Confine the cat to a small room with a tile or linoleum floor (a bathroom is ideal). Pull up any bathmats that are on the floor. Ensure your cat has food and water.
- Dump the litterbox out. Wash it, dry it and put it in the bathroom with the cat. You may either put it back empty OR place something that will not absorb the urine into the box to act as litter. Some suggestions are: plastic beads or unpopped popcorn kernels. There are also commercial cat litters available for urine collection at our office. Please ask us if you would like to try one.
- Wait for the cat to urinate in the box. Please know the wait can be frustrating! Some kitties are stubborn and may need to be confined for 24-48 hours to get a sample.
- The urine sample is no good to us if it is contaminated with fecal material so if there are also feces in the litterbox with the urine, please wash the box out and try again.
- The urine sample should be less than 12 hours old when it comes to the clinic.
- Please refrigerate the sample if you cannot drop it off immediately after collection.
- If you cannot get urine from your cat at home, please contact us. We may board your pet here until we can get a sample if necessary.

