Frequently asked questions about SNAP fPL Test

What is the SNAP fPL Test?

The SNAP® fPL™ Test is an in vitro test for the determination of feline pancreas-specific lipase (fPL) levels in feline serum.

How do I interpret a SNAP fPL Test result?

Normal level

If the color intensity of the sample spot is lighter than the color intensity of the reference spot, fPL levels are normal.

Abnormal level

If the color intensity of the sample spot is equal to or darker than the color intensity of the reference spot, fPL levels are abnormal. If the SNAP fPL Test results are abnormal, veterinarians are encouraged to perform the Spec fPL Test as a follow-up to establish a baseline fPL concentration and to monitor treatment.

Which types of samples can be used on the SNAP fPL Test?

Serum, either fresh or stored at 2°C–8°C for up to one week, can be used.

How many sample drops and conjugate drops do I need to run the SNAP fPL Test?

The SNAP fPL Test requires 3 drops of sample and 4 drops of conjugate.

I used the incorrect conjugate/sample ratio. Can I rely on the results I received?

We recommend rerunning the test with the exact ratio of conjugate/sample listed in the package insert—3 drops of sample and 4 drops of conjugate.

What is the read time for the SNAP fPL Test and is it really important?

The test result must be read 10 minutes after the device is activated. The test does not contain stop solution, and after 10 minutes, color development may occur that is not related to the sample. Do not report results read after 10 minutes.

How do the kit components need to be stored?

- Store at 2°C-8°C until expiration date.
- All components must be at room temperature (18°C–25°C) before running the test. Allow to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes. Do not heat.

My SNAP fPL Test has been out of the foil package for the day. Can I still use it?

The SNAP fPL Test, and any other SNAP® test, must be used within 2 hours of removing it from the foil package.

Can my SNAPshot Dx Analyzer read the SNAP fPL Test? Yes, the SNAPshot Dx® Analyzer can read the SNAP fPL Test.

Can the SNAP Pro Analyzer read the SNAP fPL Test?

Yes, the SNAP Pro Analyzer can read the SNAP fPL Test.

