

College of Veterinary Medicine

## WATER TEST INSTRUCTIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING WATER FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING FOR POTABILITY

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Samples are only accepted at the Laboratory *Monday through Thursday between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM*. Testing is *not* performed on Fridays!
- The test fee is \$22.50 for each sample tested. The fee is to be paid at the time the water sample is delivered to the Lab. Please make checks payable to the **DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**, provide *exact* change if paying in cash, or provide credit card information if paying by credit card.
- Samples must be tested *within 30 hours* of the time of collection; please plan to draw your sample shortly before bringing it in to the Laboratory.
- Results are usually available in one to three days. Please plan testing far enough in advance if a deadline is involved.
- Testing is for bacteriological content only! The Diagnostic Lab does *not* test water for chemical content or for sediment analysis.
- Samples may be rejected from testing due to chlorine residue and/or low volume.

#### COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove filter screen from faucet.
2. Let water run for at least two minutes before collecting any in the bottle.
3. **Use only the water bottle provided by our Laboratory; do not rinse or empty it out, as it is sterile and contains a chemical necessary to the test (Sodium thiosulfate; do not touch or ingest). Fill the bottle up to the line on the side, and replace the cap. Keep bottle away from children and pets; cap is not child proof.**
4. Write your name, date, and time of the collection on the bottle's label; be sure to include "AM" or "PM".
5. Fill out the attached submission form. All information included within the box on the form must be filled out completely.

***Payment must accompany specimen at the time of submission!***