Reading IDEXX UA* Strips

Use fresh urine that has not been centrifuged. Thoroughly mix the urine sample. The sample should be at room temperature when the test is performed and should not have been standing for more than one hour.

For further instructions, see the IDEXX VetLab* UA* Analyzer Operator’s Guide.

1 Use a pipette to flood the UA Strip with the urine sample, making sure that all the test pads are moistened. Do not bend the strip.

   IMPORTANT: Only IDEXX UA Strips can be used on the IDEXX VetLab UA Analyzer. Do not use any other brand of strips.

2 Briefly (about one second) dab the long edge and then the back of the test strip on an absorbent surface (e.g., a paper towel).

3 Place the test strip, with the test pads facing up, on the test strip tray so that its leading edge is held by the clip at the insertion slot. The retaining bar must be open. About 2 mm of strip must be held under the clip.

4 Press the Start button. A beep sounds. The tray advances slightly and the retaining bar closes.

   The test strip tray automatically pulls the test strip into the analyzer so it can be read and then returns to its start position. Do not remove the test strip until the analyzer returns to ready-to-measure mode. It takes approximately 80 seconds from when you press the Start button until all measurements are complete.

5 After the results have printed, remove and dispose of the test strip. With a lint-free wipe, remove any urine residue from the tray.

   NOTE: If the UA analyzer is connected to the IDEXX VetLab Station, test results are transmitted automatically.

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