

Frequently asked questions about SNAP *Giardia* Test

What is the SNAP® *Giardia* Test?

The SNAP® *Giardia* Test detects soluble *Giardia* antigen in canine and feline feces.

What type of *Giardia* does the SNAP *Giardia* Test detect?

It identifies *Giardia lamblia*, otherwise known as *Giardia intestinalis* or *Giardia duodenalis*, the primary species in mammals.

What is soluble antigen?

This refers to antigen that is not associated with a *Giardia* cyst wall or trophozoite. The SNAP *Giardia* Test detects a “free-floating” antigen that is dispersed in the fecal matter. This is why the test’s sensitivity is much higher than microscopic techniques.

Can this test be used for avian samples?

The SNAP *Giardia* Test is approved for canine and feline use only. Any use other than in canine and feline is off-label, and IDEXX has no data to support non-canine/feline application.

What does a SNAP *Giardia* Test result indicate?

To determine the test result, read the reaction spots in the result window. If color on the *Giardia* sample spot is darker than the color on the negative control spot, then *Giardia* antigen is present.

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

Canine and feline feces can be used fresh, previously frozen, or stored at 2°C–8°C for up to one week.

Can samples be collected directly from the patient?

No, the collection swab is not designed to be used rectally.

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

The test result must be read 8 minutes after the device is activated. The test does not contain stop solution, and after 8 minutes, color development may occur that is not related to the sample. Do not report results read after 8 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 *Giardia* Test has been out of the foil package for the day. Can I still use it?

The SNAP *Giardia* 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 *Giardia* Test?

No, at this time, the SNAPshot Dx Analyzer cannot read the SNAP *Giardia* Test.

Can my SNAP Pro Analyzer read the SNAP *Giardia* Test?

Yes, the SNAP Pro Analyzer can read the SNAP *Giardia* Test.