For colleagues submitting from outside the USA:

We accept uroliths from non-infectious Dogs, Cats, Rodents, Amphibians and Reptiles.

**Samples from livestock, humans, primates, most zoo animals and some wildlife are not accepted**

**SHIPPING:** Send through a shipping company that complies with USA Customs inspections. All charges including shipping, duties, customs and taxes must be paid by the shipper (DDP duties and delivery paid by shipper). The Minnesota Urolith Center is not responsible for package transport charges.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Packages must contain appropriate paperwork from the shipper. 

*Guidelines: Animal Products That Do Not Require An Import Permit*

A USDA import permit will not be required for feline or canine origin material that has not been inoculated with or exposed to any livestock or poultry disease agent. **In order to facilitate correct identification of the shipment and to ensure timely delivery,** USDA, APHIS, VS recommends that the following documentation accompany each shipment:

1. A written statement identifying the material and naming the animal species,
2. A written statement confirming that the material does not contain any other animal derived material (i.e., does not contain any livestock or poultry origin material).
3. A written statement confirming that the material was not derived from feline or canine species which were inoculated with or exposed to any infectious agents of USDA agricultural concern.

USDA, APHIS, VS recommends that **this document be supplied on foreign producer/shipper letterhead, with the letterhead containing the physical address of the foreign producer/shipper.** USDA, APHIS, VS further recommends that the document, written in a clear and concise manner, accompany each shipment, and be presented as a separate document for review by the DHS, CBP Officers at the U.S. port of arrival. We do not recommend that the foreign producer/shipper place this document inside the shipping containers (place in envelope on outside of shipment).

**COUNTRY SPECIFIC REGULATIONS:** Information provided is for USA import only. Your local shipping company can provide instructions on export requirements for exempt animal specimens from your county.

**PACKING:** Follow required packing/shipping regulations for Biological Substance Category B exempt animal specimen (example below). Label submission container with clinic and owner information. **Submit samples dry, not in urine, blood, liquids, or preservatives**

How to package Video