## **FeLeuk<sup>®</sup> FeLV IFA Test Blood Slide Preparation**

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1. EDTA blood tube and 3 clean blank slides



2. Rock EDTA blood tube GENTLY to suspend blood









6. Draw slide back into the blood drop to spread



7. Push top slide with blood rapidly forward **Good smears** 



9. Two excellent thin, "feathered edge" smears DO NOT FIX THE SMEARS





FeLeuk® IFA test- excellent WBC morphology in thin, good quality, smears. Detection of FeLV antigens in cytoplasm of WBCs



11. Reaction wells, with anti-FeL v serum, placed at tip of smears where most WBCs are located



Smear too thick- non-specific result- no WBCs visible







## A Method to Prepare Good Quality Blood Smears When Too Much Blood is Placed on the Slide



1. Poor smears- too much blood applied



2. Too much blood placed on slide



3. Rescue by placing corner of top slide in the blood





7. Blood smear is complete



10. Wave the slide to rapidly air dry the smear





8. Blot the excess blood drop from the slide





9. Clean the excess blood drop completely



11. Good quality thin, feathered edge smear

12. Reaction well placed where most WBCs exist

## **Important Factors:**

Apply only a **SMALL** amount of EDTA or whole blood from a syringe- size of a pencil eraser. Smear whole blood quickly to avoid the blood clotting before spreading.

Air-dry the smear quickly to preserve WBC morphology.

DO NOT FIX THE SMEARS.

Do not place blood smears in rectangular slide mailer with moist blood collection papers. Only place slides in the plastic slide mailer.