 Heartworm Test Sample Collection

1. Heartworm testing requires two people.

 ● Holder

 ● Drawer

2. Gather supplies

 ● 1 cc syringe w/ needle

 ● Tourniquet

 ● SNAP Heartworm Test

 ● Sample Tube (clear)

 ● Blue Conjugate

 ● Purple top tube

 ● Gloves

 ● Timer set to 8 minutes

3**.** Holder gets and weighs dog. (record weight in medical notes section on ticket)

4. Holder gets control of dog using proper dog holding technique.

5. Drawer (wearing gloves) places tourniquet on dog’s arm just above the elbow.

6. Palpate vein.

7. Once the vein is found, insert needle bevel up at a 15 to 30 degree angle.

8. Pull plunger back, blood should start coming in to the syringe. You should get at least a 0.3 mL/cc sample.

9. Remove needle from dog and remove tourniquet. Apply pressure to injection site to ensure animal does not bleed. (Holder may now release the dog).

10. Inject blood sample into purple top collection tube and begin Heartworm Test.