

# 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.