

SASH SKIN AND EAR CYTOLOGY SERVICE

OVERVIEW

SASH provide a skin and ear cytology service to our referring vet partners.

Samples are sent directly to SASH for interpretation and reporting by our SASH Specialist Dermatologists – Dr Linda Vogelneust and Dr Philippa Ravens. Reports contain practical diagnostic and treatment advice for each patient.

The current cost (as at April 2020) for SASH's cytology service is \$110 for a *single sample* or \$135 for *multiple samples*. All prices are inclusive of GST.

LOGISTICS

Any available photographs of the lesions and a completed [Skin Cytology submission form](#) should be emailed to dermatology@sashvets.com.

Samples should be placed in a plastic slide holder, wrapped in bubble wrap and/or cardboard (to protect them during postage) and sent directly to SASH at:

Dermatology
Level 1, 1 Richardson Place
North Ryde
NSW 2113

SAMPLE TECHNIQUE

Sticky tape impression method (useful for most skin lesions)

- Take a small piece of tape, roughly the same length as the glass slide
- Press sticky side down onto the skin several times on the sample site
- Lie the tape sticky side down flat against the glass slide
- Label the frosted end of the glass slide with a pencil, noting the animal's name and the body site sampled
- DO NOT stain the sample (the sticky tape will turn cloudy over time after it has been stained)

Ear cytology

- Cotton bud samples are obtained from the ear canal and spread onto a glass slide
- We prefer ear cytology to be submitted unstained

Impression smears (useful for moist lesions)

- Press the glass slide against the area to be sampled
- Allow the sample to air dry
- We prefer impression smears to be submitted unstained