

## Actalyke Activated Clotting Times – Instructions for Vets:

### MAX-ACT Tubes



- Use a 2mL or 1mL tuberculin syringe to obtain the blood specimen.
- Open the flip top of the ACT test tube
- Dispense 0.5mL whole blood into the MAX-ACT tube filling it to the line indicated on the tube
- Start a timer or stopwatch at the same time that the blood is added to the tube.
- Close the flip top lid. A gentle side to side shake should be used. **DO NOT AGITATE THE TUBE FROM END TO END!**
- Manually tilting the tube at regular intervals to check for clot formation.
- Note the ACT time in seconds once clot formation is observed

### C-ACT Tubes



- Use a 5mL syringe to obtain the blood specimen
- Open the flip top lid of the C-ACT test tube
- Dispense 2mL of whole blood into the tube or fill to the line indicated on the tube.
- Start a timer or stopwatch at the same time that the blood is added to the tube
- Close the flip top lid and shake the tube vigorously from end to end ten times to disperse the activator.
- Manually tilting the tube at regular intervals to check for clot formation
- Note the ACT time in seconds once clot formation is observed.

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