

## **RCVS guidance on residual blood samples**

Surplus tissue samples, such as blood, taken in the course of veterinary treatment may be used for research purposes with appropriate consent.

The RCVS Routine Veterinary Practice Subcommittee usually accept residual blood to be no more than 10% of the amount that would normally be collected from that patient, and vets should not be taking more blood than they might usually take in that clinical situation purely for research purposes.