



# The Felid-Gametes-Rescue-Project



## What is it?

The Berlin Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) has initiated the Felid-Gametes-Rescue-Project with the main goal of establishing a Europe-wide bank for cryopreserved felid gametes, including feline sperm, embryos and oocytes for special breeding and research projects.

## How can you help?

Please contact us as soon as possible in case your institution has to euthanize or castrate one of your felids. We will jointly arrange the shipping of the whole animal or its reproductive tract to the IZW. To save sperm or oocytes we strictly need to receive the samples as fast as possible. Charge for shipping can be paid by the IZW if pre-decided.

**do NOT freeze samples**

## Shipping

### Testes

Send testes cooled (4-6°C) without any additional liquid in a plastic bag or tube

### Ovaries

Cover ovaries with physiological saline solution, and send cooled (4-6°C)

### Carcass

Send carcass cooled (4-6°C).

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**Speed of shipping is crucial!**

**Thank you for your  
valuable assistance!**

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