

PVC VS METAL  
**SLEEVE ATTACHMENT**

# Training Bears for Voluntary Blood Collection



Asiatic black bear-Animals Asia



Sloth bear-Smithsonian National Zoo



North American black bear-Portland Zoo



Sloth bear-Smithsonian National Zoo



Polar bear-Como Zoo

**SIT & DOWN POSITION**  
**REAR PAW**



Brown bear-Woodland Park Zoo



Polar bear-Portland Zoo



Sun bear-Omaha Zoo



Brown bear-Northwest Trek

Commonly used methods of collecting blood from bears are:

- The blood sleeve (used to access the cephalic vein on the foreleg)
- Hind foot presentation (to access the dorsal pedal or metatarsal vein)

Assessing each animal's natural history and personal preferences will allow a trainer to better judge appropriate positions for ease of collection, taking into consideration the animal's physical capabilities and the existing environment.



Brown bear-Northwest Trek



Polar bear-San Francisco Zoo



Polar bear-Como Zoo



Sloth bear-Smithsonian National Zoo



Polar bear-Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium



Panda-Smithsonian National Zoo



Asiatic black bear-Animals Asia



North American black bear-Northwest Trek

**DOWN POSITION**  
**FRONT PAW**

**SIT POSITION**  
**FRONT PAW**