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DNA Testing & Research

DNA Sample Collection Instructions

Following these instructions makes the collection process easy. Using a helper allows one person to gently hold the animal's head while the second person collects each sample.

To avoid sample contamination from food, please collect the sample at least **two hours after** the animal's last meal, snack or suckling. Animals may have access to water at any time. Collect three (3) swabs from each animal and fill out pertinent sections of this form.

1. Wash hands before sample collection **and between animals** if more than one animal is being collected. (To avoid DNA contamination, always complete sample collection for one animal before beginning sample collection on next animals.)
2. Peel open the swab case part-way and remove the swab, being careful not to touch the bristles.
3. Place swab between cheek and gum of animal being tested. Gently **scrub** the swab (using a rolling technique) against inside surface of cheek for about **15 seconds** to collect **cheek cells** (not saliva). Place swab back in original case.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 with the other two swabs.
5. Fill out requested animal information on each cheek swab case **and** the enclosed form. Tape the ends of each swab case **separately** with standard tape. Samples are stable without refrigeration and can be returned via regular mail. (International customers please use airmail.)

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