VetGen DNA Swab Sample Collection Instructions

To avoid sample contamination from food, please collect the sample at least two hours after the animal's last meal, snack or suckling. Isolate from other animals during this time. Animals may have access to water at any time. Collect two (2) swabs from each animal and fill out pertinent sections of this form. Number of swabs in the kit IS NOT related to how many tests have been ordered.

1. Wash hands before sample collection and between animals if more than one animal is being collected.
   (To avoid DNA cross contamination, always complete sample collection for one animal before sample collection on next animals.)

2. Peel open the swab case part-way and remove the swab, being careful not to touch the tip. Place swab in the mouth against the cheek of animal being tested. As briskly as you dare, scrub the swab (using a rolling technique) against inside surface of cheek for about 15 seconds to collect cheek cells (not just saliva). Place swab back in original case. Repeat steps 2 and 3 with the other swab. DO NOT SEAL the ends of the swab cases. Samples need to dry to preserve their quality. Moisture degrades DNA.

3. Fill out requested animal information on cheek swab case and order form. Samples are stable for several weeks (do not refrigerate) and can be returned via regular mail.