# **DNA SAMPLES** How to Collect a DNA Sample

## BLOOD SAMPLE

Preferred method

- 1. Record animal ID # (tattoo and/or tag number) on an DNA card.
- 2. Wipe the ear clean using a clean paper towel or cloth.
- 3. Prick the vein in the animal's ear with a sterile needle.
- 4. Touch the circle on the DNA card to the blood site on the ear.
- 5. Fill the circle with blood.
- 6. Allow the card to dry away from direct sunlight for at least 24 hours prior to mailing. Do not mail the card in a sealed plastic bag.



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# HAIR SAMPLE

REQUIRED WITH TWINS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ANIMALS YOUNGER THAN FOUR MONTHS, UNLESS TWINS.

- 1. Record animal ID # (tattoo and/or tag number) on the hair card.
- Pull from the tail switch "up and away" (20 hairs with root bulbs).
- 3. Place bulbs on the back flap. Peel off backing paper on sticky flap.
- 4. Press sticky side on top of bulbs to seal sides. Hair bulbs must be present to perform tests.
- 5. Trim excess hair to the edges of the hair card.

























## **ADDITIONAL SAMPLING TECHNIQUES**

#### Semen Sample

1. Insert thawed semen straw between taped cardboard pieces or into a writing pen with the ink tube removed.



**BLOOD TUBE SAMPLE** 

Additional sample handling fee will be charged

1. Mark purple-top tube with the animal ID # (tattoo and/or tag number). Fill the tube with 6-9 mL of blood.



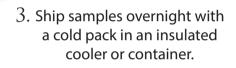
2. Indicate animal ID # (tattoo and/or tag number) on the cardboard or pen tube.



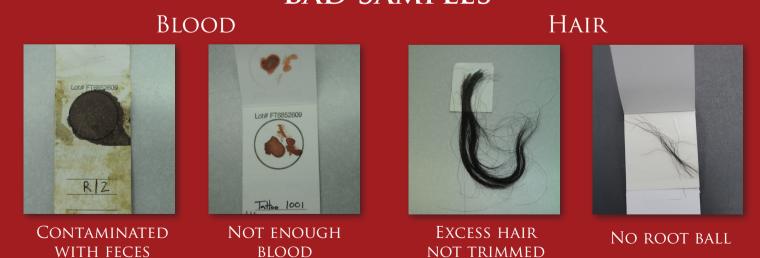
2. Refrigerate promptly in a stand-up rack between 4-10° C (39.2 - 50° F). Do not freeze.

3. Send at room temperature.





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#### **BAD SAMPLES**

NOT TRIMMED