

Instructions for Cheek Swab Collection

Sample required: 2 cheek swabs per dog – 1 per cheek

Please use the suggested swab brushes for collection. Please make sure the dog does not eat or drink for one hour prior to swab collection.

1. Prepare 2 packages of cheek swab per dog.
2. Peel open the packaging from one end just enough to take the brush out of the package by pulling from the stem. Do not let anything touch the brush.
3. Keep the packaging. It is needed later.
4. Insert the brush between your dog's cheek and gum. Rotate the swab in a back-and-forth motion on the inside of your dog's cheek at least 20 times.
5. Thoroughly air dry the brush.
6. Return the swab to its original packaging and loosely seal one end of the opening with tape or staple.
7. Label the swab packaging with the **Dog's Name, ID/registered number, and Date of Birth**
 - a. Many swab kits come with stickers. It is fine to write the above on a sticker and put it on the packaging
 - b. Some swab kits come with tubes. It is fine to write the above on the tube.
 - c. If there is room for writing directly on the packaging, you may write the above on the package.
 - d. You also can put the swab in a regular mailing paper envelope (such as the standard business envelope) and write the above on the envelope.
8. Repeat the process with the second swab.
9. Place the secured swabs in an envelope and store them in a dry place until shipping.

Suggested brushes:

- Proxabrush Go-Betweens
- Cytology brushes
- OmniSwab Qiagen
- Isohelix RapiDri

