

Sampling instructions for horse DNA tests

The following sampling material is included:

Plastic zipper bag. One plastic bag must contain hairs from only one single horse.

Piece of cardboard and adhesive label. Name of horse and its registration number should be written on the label. The label is used to fix the hair on the piece of cardboard (see picture below).

Submission form should be filled out thoroughly and readable. Also note who should receive the results if other than horse owner. The form should be signed by the person taking the sample, to ensure that the correct horse has been sampled.

Horses that will be registered in SWB or SIF do not need this form to accompany the DNA sample. Please follow the instructions from the registry of your breed in this matter.

Sampling instruction:

Sampling area should be clean from dirt and loose hairs. Hairs must **not** be wet, dirty or contain any shampoo. Material (i.e. hair, dirt etc.) from another horse must not come in contact with the sample.

The hair sample is taken from the horse's **tail**. Hairs should be pulled out in a way so that hair **roots** come out.

Grasp **20-30 tail hairs** close to the horse's body and pull in one swift, downward motion. Visually check that roots are attached to hair. Hair roots are necessary for DNA testing. If the majority of hair strands lack root bulbs, discard hair and redo the sampling procedure. Do not send hair without visible root bulbs. **Hairs cut off by scissors are not possible to use.**

Put hairs on the cardboard as pictured below. The roots should protrude about ½-1 cm outside the edge of the cardboard. Fix the hairs using the adhesive label. Cut off hair extending outside the cardboard on the side **without** hair roots. Put sample in the plastic zipper bag with the hair roots facing the zipper end, and close the bag. Hair roots **must not** protrude outside the closed plastic bag! Several plastic bags can be sent in the same envelope.

Incorrectly fitted samples entail extra work load and will be charged with an additional cost. Normal turnaround time is about 10-15 days after sample arrival at the Animal Genetics Laboratory.

Samples are sent to the following address:

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