

IMPORTANT -PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Instructions for taking and submitting cheek swabs for DNA testing

For every dog sampled, please ensure that the number on the form matches the number on the envelope.

The samples should **not** be taken within two hours of the dog eating

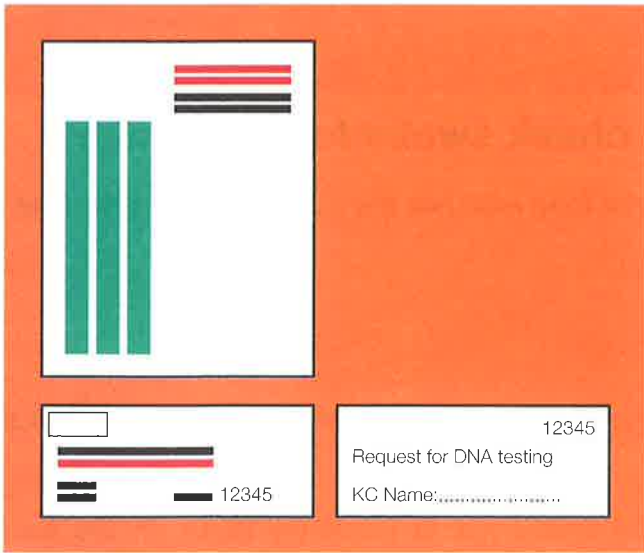
1. Three brushes are provided for each dog to be tested.
2. Label the envelope with the registered name and number of the dog and the owner's name - matching the reference number to the number of the Request Form.
3. Remove brush from plastic casing (peel at arrow) – being careful not to touch the brush on the end. Discard casing.
4. Roll the brush firmly on the inside of the cheek, **at least 20 times** on each side of the mouth, making certain that the brush is moved over the entire cheek. The brush should look the same after the swabbing has taken place – cheek cells will not be visible on the brush.
5. **Air dry brush.** If brushes are not fully dried then bacterial and fungal action can degrade the DNA.
6. Carefully place the brush in the paper envelope provided. It is important that the brush is returned inside the paper envelope **only**. The plastic bag containing the kit, and the plastic casing containing the brush should be discarded and must **not** be used to return the brushes.
7. Repeat steps 2-7 with the remaining brushes.
8. Fill in the “Request for DNA testing” form whose number corresponds to the number on the envelope.
9. Take an envelope for posting (not provided), and place inside it:-
 - the envelope(s) containing the brushes
 - the Request Form(s)
 - payment in fulland send all to the address below.

IF SAMPLING MORE THAN ONE DOG - COMPLETE THE SAMPLING AND RECORDING OF ONE BEFORE STARTING THE NEXT, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF SAMPLE MIX UP.

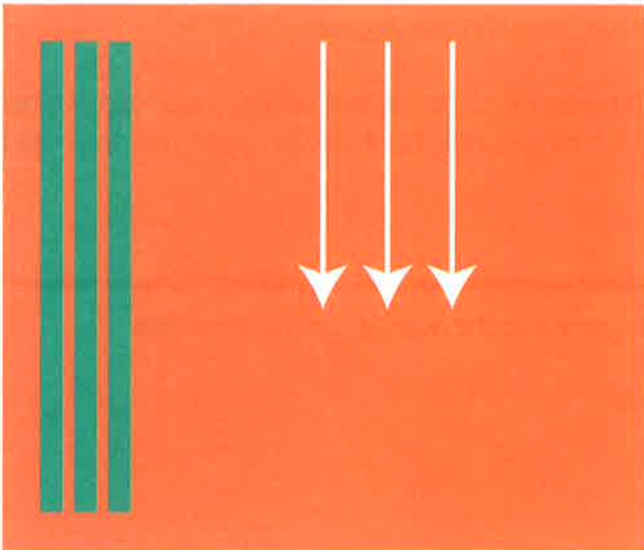
Return samples, the completed application form, and full payment
(see payment sheet for details) to:-

**Genetic Services,
Centre for Preventive Medicine,
Animal Health Trust,
Kentford,
Newmarket,
Suffolk CB8 7UU.
UK**

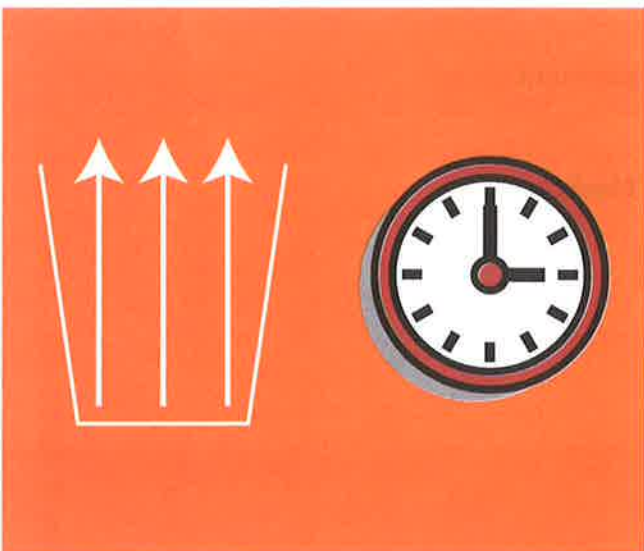
**SENDING SAMPLES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SAMPLING PROCESS IS COMPLETED,
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SAMPLES ON ARRIVAL AT THE ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST.**



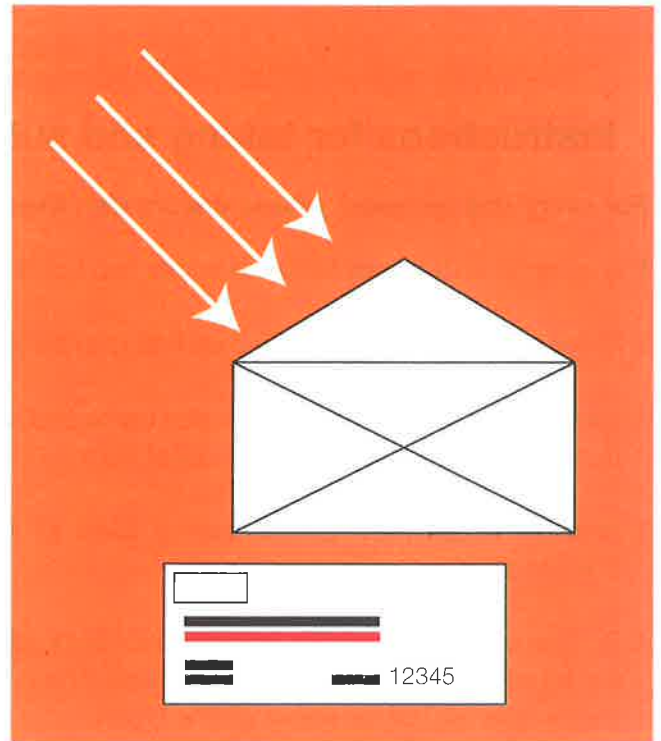
Steps 1 – 2. Check the envelope and form have the same number. Fill in the details requested on the envelope.



Step 3. Remove the swabs from their packaging and follow **step 4 overleaf**.



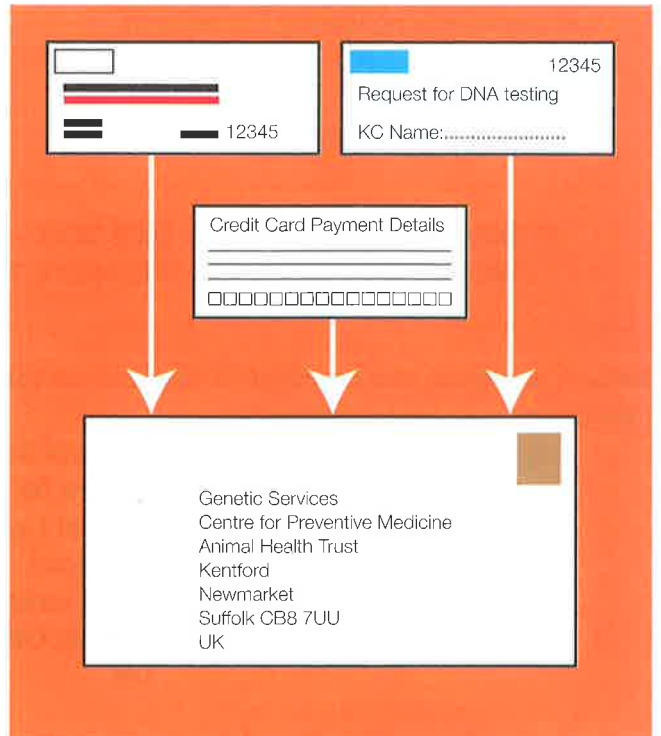
Step 5. Air dry the swabs for 15 minutes.



Steps 6. Place the swabs directly into the paper envelope provided (**see step 6 overleaf**).

Steps 7. REPEAT THESE STEPS WITH THE REMAINING 2 SWAB BRUSHES.

Steps 8. Complete the paperwork enclosed with the kit.



Steps 9. Place the swab envelope, request form and other paperwork in a larger envelope, and return to the Animal Health Trust (address shown overleaf).