

Instructions for using Cytobrushes

Please follow the instructions described below.

1. For some tests (DNA Profile, Parentage) a vet has to check the identity of the animal which should be confirmed by his / her signature.
2. To avoid contamination with DNA from other source the animal shouldn't be fed for 1-2 hours prior to taking the swab.
3. If possible scrub until there is a superficial bleeding of the oral mucosa. This makes sure, that enough cells are attached to the cytobrush.
4. It is not possible to perform the genetic test if there is no enough DNA on the brush. Therefore it is advisable to take two swabs from the same animal.
5. It is very important to air dry the cytobrushes after use for approx. 2-4 hours.
6. After the sample is taken please shorten the brush handle by bending or cutting few centimeters off its top so it fits into the tube.
7. Label the tube with the important informations (your name, animal name and the test required)
8. If possible send the cytobrushes on the same day to us.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.