



IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

CHEEK SWABS

 Kits supplied through donations from caninecancer.org.au

General information

1. The enclosed pack contains three sterile swabs for each individual dog.
2. Please collect the samples at least two hours after the dog has last eaten so as to avoid food particles adhering to the brush.

Procedure for collecting samples

1. Remove the swab from the tube taking particular care not to handle the brush end itself as this will contaminate the DNA sample that you collect. Hold the stem of the swab and roll the absorbent brush firmly on the inside of the cheek approximately 20 times on each side of the mouth covering the entire cheek.

[Please do not worry if you are not able to roll the brush on the inside of each cheek the number of times prescribed - your cheek swab sample will still be useful for our research study and will be gratefully received]

2. Air- dry the swab for a few minutes and place directly into the Swab Envelope provided. Repeat this procedure for the second swab, remembering to write the dog's name on the labelled envelope.
3. Return the samples along with the completed sample submission form to the Animal Health Trust as soon as possible.
4. Please send unused cheek swabs back to the Animal Health Trust.

If you have any queries about taking the swabs please do not hesitate to contact the Oncology Research Group (Tel.: 01638 751000, extension 1214; E-mail: oncologyres@aht.org.uk)