

Swab Sample Collection Procedure

Please follow the instructions below carefully to collect the dog's DNA sample. Five (buccal) cheek swabs are provided in each kit and are intended for use with one individual dog only. The samples should not be taken within one hour after the dog eating to help obtain a clean sample.



1. First label the Swab Envelope clearly with the breed, dogs pet name, age, sex and owners surname as written on the sample submission form.
2. Remove a single swab from its packaging, trying to avoid any or excessive contact with the brush end, ideally but not necessarily, by wearing latex or vinyl gloves to reduce the possibilities of contamination.
3. Hold the dog's head firmly and roll the swab on the inside of the dogs' cheek on each side of the mouth, ensuring the brush is moved across the entire cheek surface. N.B. Cheek cells are not visible to the naked eye but please brush the surface thoroughly to ensure sufficient sample is obtained.
4. Briefly air-dry the swab for a moment and place directly into the Swab Envelope previously labelled at step 1.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the remaining four swabs when convenient and seal in the Swab Envelope. All five swabs can be used during the same sampling session, although this isn't necessary as the dog may become impatient. Use of each swab can be at different time intervals.
6. Complete the Sample Submission form. It is imperative that the clinical information given here is accurate otherwise it could adversely affect the outcome of the intended genetic study.
7. Return the sealed Swab Envelope along with the completed Sample Submission form using the return addressed prepaid envelope provided in the kit

Sample Submission Form

Breed: – ***Bull Terrier***

Dogs Pet Name: Age/DOB..... Sex.....

Owners Surname:

Veterinary Practice:

Address:

..... Phone Number:

Clinical History:

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Please remove the existing form from the kit and replace with the attached form which is to be used for the bull terrier breed.

Please follow the swab sample collection instructions closely. The swab envelope is already printed and asking for KC. Information. It is Pre-printed by an external company for use in a generic swab collection pack. The Animal Health Trust are accepting that the bull terrier breed will be supplying pet information as written in the sample submission form. Should AHT require clinical information from the vet who cared for the dog, the KC name would be useless as your vet would not have a record of it, having treated the dog under his/her pet name. Should a gene be observed on DNA screening which may be considered the causative gene for kidney disease, it is the vet who has treated the dog and ONLY THE VET who will be contacted for further clinical information

Confidentiality is guaranteed

To be certain of success we must all adopt
“The Mastermind Alliance”

which is:-

Two or more persons working in harmony to achieve the same objective.

Persons = The Animal Health Trust and every caring owner of a bull terrier.

Objective = To develop a DNA test to rid the bull terrier breed of kidney disease.

As owners/carers of bull terriers, we are the ones who can provide the DNA material (cheek swabs) to the Animal Health Trust, enabling them to develop the DNA test for kidney disease

With the owners/carers and the Animal Health Trust working in harmony
We will succeed in achieving our objective

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