



Alpaca DNA Sample Collection Instructions

Method: Nasal Swab

Each Alpaca DNA Sample Collection Kit is for one alpaca only. Each kit includes four swabs and one collection envelope. Order kits directly from the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA) website.

Note: These kits were printed for cats and dogs. Please disregard any references to canines or felines on the envelope.

Note: BVDV testing cannot be done from nasal swabs.

Before You Begin

- Fill out the collection envelope before taking samples.
 - Enter your account number in the field labeled Submitter's Name.
 - Enter the alpaca's name in the field labeled Animal's Name.
 - For new registrations the barcode on the envelope will become the registry number.
 - For retests, enter the existing registry number in the field labeled Breed.
- Work with one alpaca at a time. Do not allow other alpacas near the collection area.
- Wash your hands thoroughly between animals to avoid cross-contamination.

Sample Collection

1. Prepare the alpaca.

- Use a halter and have a handler hold the head steady.
- Wipe away any dirt or mucus around the outside of the nostril with a clean cloth or tissue.

2. Collect the sample.

- Open the swab package at the handle end. Avoid touching the tip.
- Gently insert the swab straight back along the floor of one nostril (not upward) until you feel slight resistance.
- Rotate the swab against the nasal wall for 5–10 seconds.

3. Store the swab.

- Place the swab directly into the labeled collection envelope.
- Do not return it to the plastic wrapper.
- Repeat with the remaining swabs: use two swabs in each nostril. Place all swabs together in the collection envelope.

Final Steps

1. Ensure the collection envelope is filled out completely and sealed.

2. Send to:

Alpaca Owners Association
3400 Plantation Dr, Ste 100
Lincoln, NE 68516

3. We recommend shipping kits with a tracking number for reliable delivery.