Buccal Swab Sample Collection

1. To avoid contamination from dog food, please collect the sample at least two hours after the last meal or snack. Dogs may have access to water at any time.

2. Wash hands before sample collection, and in between dogs if collecting swabs from more than one dog.

3. We advise using two people to collect the sample; one to gently hold the dog’s head, and the second to collect the sample.

4. Peel open the brush package at arrow. Remove the brush being careful not to touch the bristles.

5. Place the brush between the lip and gum of the dog being tested. Applying slight pressure, firmly brush the inside surface of the cheek for about 15 seconds.

6. Place the brush back in the original package. You do not need to seal the package.

7. Clearly label each package with the dog’s registered name and your last name.

8. Repeat steps 3-8 to collect a total of 6 swabs per dog.

9. Please enclose the following in the provided pre-addressed return envelope:
   - 6 clearly labeled packages with brushes inside. Labels are included in kit.
   - A copy of each dog’s pedigree - if possible.
   - Copy of eye exam sheet or CERF certification sheet.
   - Completed Information Form for OM Studies (included in kit).

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