

Feather collection instructions

Collection of feather is the most critical element to obtaining the best sample for DNA testing. It is very important that you follow this simple instructions to avoid foreign DNA sample contamination and to help minimize the possibility of failure.

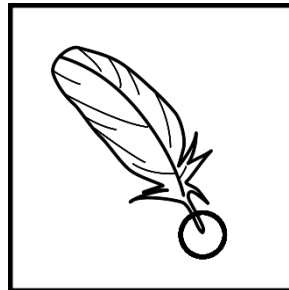
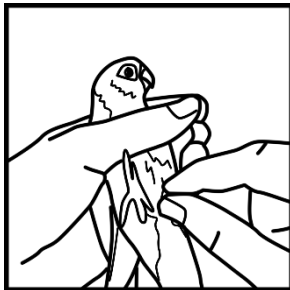
We strongly recommend reading the collection instructions prior to taking the sample.

Preparations

1. When sampling multiple birds, first finish completely the sample collection from the first animal before you continue with the other one. Wash hands between birds.
2. **IMPORTANT:** do not touch the tip of the feather with your hands.
3. Be ready to send the samples on the day of collection.

Sampling

1. Pull out 5-10 feathers from the pectoral area or the inner side of wings. Do not send flying or tail feathers, fallen feathers nor broken ones.
2. Put the pulled out feathers into an envelope.
3. If sending samples from multiple birds be sure to put the samples of each bird into separate envelopes.
4. Seal the envelope and write the identification data of the bird.
5. Samples should be stored at 4°C until shipping. Note that the testing is more successful if the sample is fresh.



Sending the sample

1. Download the Order form by going to download section on our website. Fill in the form electronically or manually, print and sign the form. If you are filling the form manually make sure that all the information is written clearly.
2. Insert the Order form, Veterinary verification form (optional) and envelope with feathers into new envelope and send it to our address:

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