



Swans Veterinary Services Ear Notch Testing for the Diagnosis of Persistent Infection

Ear Notch Collection Protocol

- Collect samples using a clean ear notching tool such as a pair of calf marking pliers.
- Collect the sample from the upper edge of the ear, attempting to minimize collection of faeces or other debris. Be sure to take a full depth notch.
- To minimize the transmission of diseases, clean the notching tool between each ear notch.
 1. Dip notcher in water.
 2. Dip notchers in chlorhex or other disinfectant solution.
 3. Dip notchers in second container of water.
- Place ear notch in a vial and appropriately identify the ear notch sample.
- Complete a Swans BVDV submission form and include it with your samples.

Transporting Ear Notches

- There are two options for shipping your samples to us:
 1. Send via Express Post, please check with Australia Post for prices;
 2. Your preferred freight company.

Send the samples with a leak proof ice pack to: Swans Veterinary Services
33 Shelden Road
Esperance WA 6450

- **If you intend to delay shipping some samples, simply freeze them until you are ready to send.**

We can provide special sampling kits, including notching pliers, pre-labeled vials, submission sheets, con notes, and instructions upon request.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss your testing options and needs or with any further questions.

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