



BEACON

SPECIMEN COLLECTION SERVICES

Guiding You to Accurate Results

BV-207 VETERINARY DNA TESTING FAQ

A RESOURCE GUIDE

We know you may have questions about animal DNA testing. Below are answers to the most common questions we receive from pet owners, breeders, and veterinary professionals.

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Results you can trust.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q WHAT IS AN ANIMAL DNA TEST?**
A Animal DNA testing analyzes genetic material to provide information about parentage, breed, genetic health, identity, and more.
- Q WHAT CAN DNA TESTING TELL ME ABOUT MY PET?**
A Depending on the test, DNA testing can confirm parentage, identify breed mix, screen for genetic health conditions, support registration, or help reunite lost pets.
- Q WHAT ANIMALS CAN BE TESTED?**
A We offer DNA testing for dogs, cats, horses, and other animals. Our tests are species-specific and designed for each animal type.
- Q HOW IS THE SAMPLE COLLECTED?**
A Samples are collected by a trained professional using a simple, non-invasive method such as a cheek swab or hair with root. Collection is quick and comfortable for your pet.
- Q DOES IT HURT MY PET?**
A No. Our collection methods are painless and non-invasive. Your pet may feel slight pressure during the swab, but most pets tolerate it very well.
- Q HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET RESULTS?**
A Most tests are completed within 3-14 business days, depending on the type of test. We will provide an estimated turnaround time when you order.
- Q HOW ACCURATE ARE THE RESULTS?**
A Our laboratory uses advanced DNA technology and meets strict quality standards. Accuracy typically exceeds 99.9% for parentage and identification testing.
- Q ARE THE RESULTS LEGALLY ADMISSIBLE?**
A Some tests are designed for legal use (parentage/registration) and others are for personal knowledge only. We will help you choose the correct test for your needs.
- Q HOW DO I GET MY RESULTS?**
A Results are delivered securely online. You will receive an email when your report is ready. Printed reports are available upon request.
- Q WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**
A We're here to help! Contact us anytime—our team is happy to guide you through the process.

WHY CHOOSE BEACON?

- Nurse-led & professionally trained collectors
- Confidential & secure handling of all samples
- Accredited laboratories & advanced technology
- Compassionate care for you and your pet
- Mobile services throughout North Alabama



Our goal is to provide you with the highest quality testing and exceptional service—because every pet deserves answers, and every relationship matters.

SAMPLE TYPES WE COLLECT

CHEEK SWAB



Quick, painless, and non-invasive. Ideal for most animals.

HAIR WITH ROOT



Small amount of hair with the root attached. Easy and non-invasive.

OTHER METHODS



May include blood, tissue, or other methods for specialized tests.



Our collectors will help determine the best sample type for your pet and the test you need.

TIPS FOR A SMOOTH EXPERIENCE

- Keep your pet calm before the appointment.
- No fasting is required.
- Avoid food or water 30 minutes before collection if possible.
- Bring any registration or medical records if available.
- Our team will handle the rest!



Thank you for choosing
Beacon Specimen
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WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM ANIMAL DNA TESTING?

- PET OWNERS**
Verify lineage, health risks, or identify your pet.
- BREEDERS**
Make informed breeding decisions & strengthen bloodlines.
- VETERINARIANS**
Support diagnosis, treatment, & genetic health management.
- TRAINERS & COMPETITORS**
Reunite pets with families & support adoption.
- RESCUES & SHELTERS**
Reunite pets with families & support adoption.



HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Scan the QR code to visit our website or call us today. We're here to help!



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