

SWANS Veterinary Services



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. Packages can be shipped via Startrack from anywhere in Australia for \$26.00 + GST using our account number. Our account number is 6721724. Select Overnight Domestic delivery. The phone number to make pick-up arrangements is 13 23 45. All freighting charges will then be billed back to you by our surgery. Please make sure your package has outside dimensions under **20,000 cubic centimeters and weighs under 5 kgs.** To check the dimensions simply multiply the height x width x length. If you require any assistance with a Startrack booking or con notes, please call or email the lab and we will organize it for you.
 2. Send via Express Post. Check with Australia Post for prices.
- Ship the samples with a leak proof ice pack to:

Swans Veterinary Services
Lot 83 Sheldon 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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