

ALBERTA WILIDE DNA GENETIC STUDY CENTRAL REGISTRY SERVICES GROUP

INSTRUCTIONS

TO OBTAIN EQUINE HAIR SAMPLE

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED

CLEAN HANDS • MANE COMB or BRUSH • CRS DNA REQUEST FORM
 • SMALL MANILA or Letter size ENVELOPES = to # of samples, and
 • mail in ONE LARGE MANILA ENVELOPE to address below

SAMPLES WILL BE OF THE ROOT ENDS FROM THE HORSE'S MANE

- 1. Wash and dry hands well.
- 2. Wash and dry a mane comb or brush well (to avoid contamination between horses).
- 3. Comb or brush tail base of horse being sampled to remove foreign material from tail.
- 4. PULL (do not cut) 20 to 30 tail hairs: by wrapping hairs around forefinger or pen/pencil close to the horse's body, grasp firmly and pull straight up swiftly. If done correctly, you will see the **root bulbs** on the hairs.
- 5. Place root hair sample in a separate paper letter size envelope to protect it from contamination by other samples. No Zip Locks!
- 6. Attach envelope to **DNA REQUEST FORM** via staple, tape, or paperclip.
- 7. If sampling multi-horses, wash hands between each horse OR put on surgical gloves and discard for new between each horse. This will reduce risk of cross contamination of DNA samples between horses.
- 8. Place each envelope with its associated DNA REQUEST FORM or group of envelopes in a larger, single manila envelope along with a \$30 fee made out to CRS for each sample and mail to:

Help Alberta Wildies
Darrell Glover
North 40 Ranch, Box 3826
Olds, Alberta, CANADA T4H 1P5

Cell: 403-350-8688 email: <u>hawwildies@gmail.com</u>

You should expect to have results in 3-4 weeks.

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