

# The DNA Collection Process

**NOTE: Sample kits are no longer mailed from the lab.  
Please use the directions below to obtain your cats DNA samples for testing.**



Visit your local pharmacy or drug store to purchase the necessity supplies to collect your cat's DNA.



Purchase a package of cotton swabs – the brand or type does not matter. You will need 4 cotton swabs per cat.



When removing the swab from a package, grasp only the stem and pull the swab out; avoid touching the cottony tip of the swab.

Using sharp scissors, cut the swab to remove the cotton tip at one end. You will need 4 swabs for each cat to be tested.



Open the cat's mouth and rub the inside of the cheek vigorously with the cotton swab to collect the cheek cells, not just saliva. Repeat, using the other 3 swabs - take samples using 2 swabs on each side of the cheeks.

Young kittens have a small area inside their mouth for taking buccal swabs. We suggest you do two swabs one day and the other two swabs the second day.

