Ear Notch BVD Testing & Sampling Instructions

1. Sequentially label the sample vials with the ear tag ID using a permanent marker on the vial **LABEL**. Labeling the tube will assist the laboratory in sample organization and help speed results.

Label Tubes as Illustrated

◀*Tube Sequence #*

◀*Animal ID*

2. Prepare 3 containers for use in cleaning the notching tool. Fill 2 with clean tap water. Fill the third with **diluted** Nolvasan disinfectant solution (1 ounce or 30 ml Nolvasan diluted in 1 gallon of water).

3. Using the BioTracking approved ear notching tool, take a full notch sample from the tip of the ear (see Figure below).

4. Place the notch in the sample vial and replace cap. Check numbering often to make certain that the correct animal ID's are in the correctly labeled vials.

5. To keep the tool as clean as possible and minimize sample contamination, rinse the notching tool in the first container of water, followed by a rinse in the Nolvasan disinfectant solution, followed by a rinse in the third container of water.

6. Once all samples are collected, keep refrigerated until shipped.

7. Completely fill out the BioTracking BVD Sample Submission Form. Please be certain that the total number of samples sent is correct.

8. Return samples to the laboratory in the same box that the sample vials were received in. Seal the boxes with packing tape. Utilize DHL, FedEX, or UPS overnight courier to speed samples to the laboratory. Make certain that the Biotracking BVD Sample Submission Form accompanies the samples.

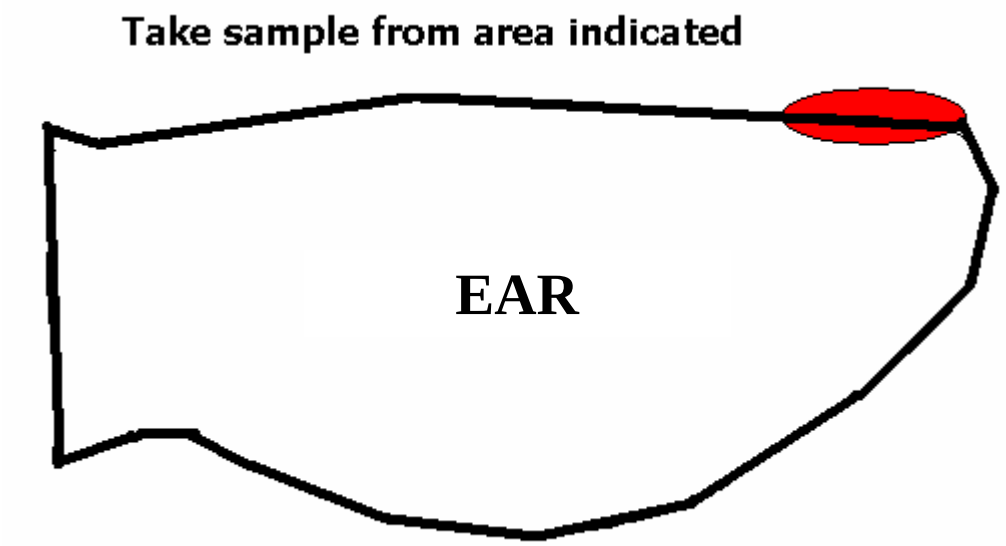
9. Payment for services may be enclosed in packaging or a statement will be sent at the end of the month.

10. **If you do not have trays to ship specimens**, make certain that vials are placed in a plastic bag with absorbent material in order to prevent leakage during transit.

11. Results will be reported via fax, email, or phone the Monday following sample receipt. BioTracking will notify the client of any positive test results.
    1). Positive animals should be removed as soon as possible.
    2). Appropriate disposal of positive animals would include:
        a. Killing the Animal
        b. Separate from all negative animals

c. Sell for slaughter
d. Do not sell a positive animal on the open market unless seller notifies potential buyer(s) of PI status.

12. Ship samples to the laboratory at the following address

BioTracking LLC
1150 Alturas Dr Ste 105
Moscow, ID 83843

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