

## **DNA SAMPLE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

We use a simple cheek swab method for DNA collection that may be performed at home by the dog owner. This is a routine procedure for DNA sample collection and presents effectively no risk to your dog.

### **Collection and Shipping Instructions for Canine Cheek Cell Samples:**

**Important note:** all envelopes, cytology brush wrappers, and consent forms are pre-numbered to prevent sample misidentification. Prevention of such misidentification will most effectively be achieved if all collection for a given patient is fully complete before opening another packet and collecting from the next patient.

1. Remove brush from wrapper. **DO NOT THROW AWAY WRAPPER!**
2. Brush the inside of the cheek vigorously for 15 seconds, rotating brush.
3. Obtain three swabs from the inside of both the left and right sides of the mouth.
4. Let swab air dry for a minimum of 5-10 minutes.
5. Replace brushes in wrappers and return them to the sample packet envelope
6. Please mail immediately upon completion.