

Please follow the steps below to collect the cat's DNA samples. Each Feline DNA Sample Collection Kit contains a package of four buccal (cheek) swabs, a collection envelope, a DNA Testing Submission Form, and a return envelope. Each kit is intended for **ONE** cat only. If you would like to test more than one cat, you will need another collection kit. Additional kits can be obtained by calling **1-800-625-0874**.

CAUTION: *If you are collecting DNA samples for more than one cat, wash your hands thoroughly between each collection to prevent any cross-contamination of DNA samples.*

1. Fill Out the Buccal Swab Collection Kit Envelope

Before you start collecting the DNA samples, please fill out the Buccal Swab Collection Kit envelope with the submitter's name and information about the cat that is to be tested.

2. Remove Swabs from Wrapper

Use a pair of scissors to cut the wrapper at the end opposite from the swab tip (soft end). Remove one swab by grasping the handle and pulling it out of the wrapper. Avoid touching the tip of the swab.

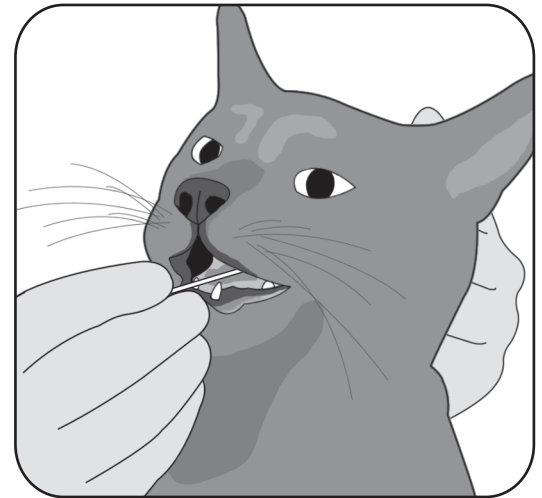
3. Swab the Cat's Cheek

Hold the cat by the scruff of the neck with one hand. With the other hand, insert the swab into the cat's mouth and place it against the inside surface of the cheek. Twirl the swab against the inside of the cheek for several strokes. The objective is to collect loose cheek cells, NOT saliva.

4. Place the Used Swabs in the Buccal Swab Envelope

Once enough cheek cells have been collected for a DNA test, immediately insert the swab into the Buccal Swab Collection Kit envelope, which was labeled in Step 1. **DO NOT** return the swabs to the original plastic wrapper that they arrived in.

Repeat Steps 2, 3, and 4 for the remaining three swabs on the same cat. Please be sure to use two swabs on each cheek.



5. Seal the Envelope

After all four swabs have been used to collect DNA samples for the same cat and the swabs have all been placed in the Buccal Swab Collection Kit envelope, discard the plastic wrapper. Make sure that the envelope is filled out completely and correctly, then seal with tape.

6. Fill Out the DNA Testing Submission Form and Mail to DDC Veterinary

Complete the accompanying DNA Testing Submission Form with the submitter's information, information about each cat collected, and payment information. Once all samples have been collected, place the Buccal Swab Collection Kit and the submission form into an envelope and mail to **DDC Veterinary at One DDC Way, Fairfield, OH 45014**.