

**Instructions for Using Hair Sample Collection Device**

It is very important to accurately link the sample that is collected to the correct animal. Make sure that the ID of the animal is clearly noted on the collection device used for that animal.

1. Check that the ID written on the collection device perfectly matches the ID of the animal.
2. Collect hair samples (as described in the Instructions for Hair Sample Collection).
3. The GeneSeek hair collection device has an outer cover (paper) and has an internal plastic sheath (see picture below). The plastic sheath is made of low-tack glue that allows the two sheets to be separated and resealed easily. Open the paper cover by holding the collection device at the folded end (see Figure on left). With thumb and index finger, open plastic sheath by pulling notched front piece away from the white back piece (see Figure on right). It is not necessary to separate the two sheets completely.



4. Place hair samples in the center of the white back piece and cover with the clear plastic front piece, taking care to avoid any air bubbles. This is illustrated on the inside of the collection device itself.
5. Seal the plastic cover smoothly over the hair follicles, leaving hair extended from one side of the collector. If possible, avoid re-opening the plastic sheath.
6. Close the collection device and insert the tab into the slot at the end of the device.
7. Carefully trim excess hair from the sides of the collector using a pair of sharp scissors.
8. Place collector in re-sealable plastic bag for shipping to GeneSeek.