

Hair Sample Collection Preparation

The collection of hair samples should be undertaken by a competent individual within a secure, contamination-free facility. The purpose of hair sampling is to collect a usable cross-section of hair to test for prohibited substances.

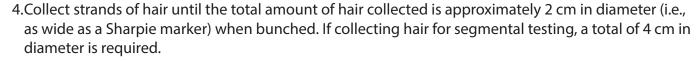
Collection Supplies

- TVMDL submission form
- Disposable gloves
- Comb
- Collection envelope or plastic bag
- Rubber band, zip tie, or twist tie
- Alcohol wipes or equivalent

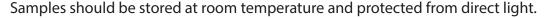


Collecting the Sample

- 1.Identify the area to be sampled middle third of the neck on the underside of the mane is preferred. If the mane is more than one color, a dark color is preferable to a light color, regardless of location. If the mane is shorter than 4 inches, tail hair should be sampled.
- 2. The sampled hair must be clean of debris and dry (do not sample wet hair).
- 3. Wearing new, clean disposable gloves, pull strands of hair, ensuring to keep the roots/follicles intact (DO NOT CUT
 - **THE HAIR**). If using a comb, clean the comb with alcohol and allow to dry before sampling each horse.



- 5. Secure the root end of the bunched hair sample using a rubber band, zip tie, or twist tie.
- 6. Place the hair into a plastic bag or envelope.
- 7. Complete the submission form.



For more information on hair testing, please visit the RMTC website at rmtcnet.com and access the Hair Testing Primer by clicking Menu -> Technical Resources -> Laboratories & Testing.

For more information on submitting equine hair samples, visit tvmdl.tamu.edu.

