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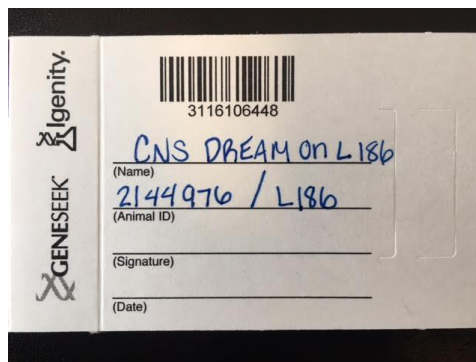
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLOOD CARD SAMPLE(S)

Step 1: Collecting the Sample(s)

1. Check the tattoo/tag in the ear of the animal being tested to ensure the tattoo/tag matches the information on the blood collector card.



2. For optimal results, GeneSeek recommends to fill the complete circle with blood. Allow blood to air dry before closing top flap. Do not blow on sample or use any type of drying device to expedite process.

Step 2: Mailing the Sample(s)

****Please note:*** The 2D barcode affixed on the blood collector card has the testing you have requested and the required information for the lab embedded in the 2D barcode. If you wish to change the testing you have requested, please contact ASA because a new barcode will need to be created.

1. Place blood collector card in enclosed self-addressed envelope to:

**GENESEEEK, INC
4131 N. 48th St.
LINCOLN, NE 68504**

****Do not enclose payment to GeneSeek. ASA will bill your account once testing has been completed.***

2. Make sure exterior of envelope reads:

American Simmental Association Samples

3. Depending upon the weight of your envelope and number of samples being mailed, additional postage may be required.

The 2D barcode sample card and self-addressed envelope with American Simmental Association Samples denoted on exterior of envelope/package is all that is needed by the lab to place samples into test.

****Please Note:*** Samples received without 2D barcodes or envelopes not marked with the following wording, American Simmental Samples, on the exterior of the envelope/package may experience testing delays.

BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION

Five to eight drops of blood are needed on the collector portion of the card. This can be collected from anywhere on the animal. Two locations for easy-to-find blood vessels are the ear and the underside of the tail.

- Appropriately restrain the animal.
- Locate a blood vessel, visually or by palpation. Clean the area so the sample is not contaminated with dirt or manure.
- Use a clean needle or lancet for every animal.
- Penetrate the blood vessel with the needle. Let a few drops of blood run uncollected to be sure the sample is not contaminated.
- Collect five to eight drops of blood on the collector portion of the collection card by allowing the blood to drip or squirt onto the card. Do not wipe the needle, ear or tail on the collection card.
- Discard the needle in an appropriate disposal container.

