

# Instructions for Submitting a Blood Card DNA Sample



**1** **Contact the American Hereford Association (AHA) customer service team to request a DNA submission form (DNA kit.)** Provide the animal's registered or unregistered number and specify which DNA test(s) are to be performed.

AHA generates a DNA submission form and sends it to the member by email or mail. The DNA submission form contains a barcode that's used by the lab to identify the animal and its testing information.

**2** **Obtain a DNA blood card.** Members may order blood cards from AHA customer service for \$1.00 each — minimum order of 10.

**3** **Procedure for collecting blood card DNA sample**  
**Note:** Blood can be drawn from any method deemed desirable. Call AHA customer service if you have any questions.

- Record the animal's name and ID on the DNA blood card.
 

(Name)	_____
(Animal ID)	_____
(Signature)	_____
(Date)	_____
- Fill the blotting paper section of the blood card with blood and saturate just enough to fill the circle, but not enough to make the card soggy.
- Insert the blood card lid into the top slit (slit closest to blotting paper) and leave card in a clean area to dry at room temperature (12hrs).
  - Do not use a heat source for drying.
- When blood card is dry, open lid and insert into bottom slit for storage or shipping.
  - Never place the blood card in a sealed plastic bag.
- Tape the dried blood card to the DNA submission form.
  - The barcode on the back of the blood card is NOT the same as the barcode on the DNA submission form. Blood cards sent to the DNA lab without a DNA submission form won't be accepted for testing.
- Mail DNA submission form with taped blood card to the address shown at bottom of DNA Submission form.

**Results are made available within 3-4 weeks from the time the lab receives and acknowledges the DNA sample.**

**DNA Tests:**

- For specific test options and pricing visit: <https://hereford.org/genetics/dna-testing/#tests-available>