

American Trakehner Association

Instructions for submitting hair for 3-panel testing

Please do not write on the hair submittal form.

If any information on the form is incorrect, contact the ATA office for a corrected form.

Please call if you have any questions. 740-344-1111

Getting ready

1. Gather the following materials:
 - a. hair submittal form
 - b. self-sealing sandwich-size plastic bag (labeled with horse's name)
 - c. stamped envelope addressed to the ATA office
 - d. scissors or knife to cut the hair after pulling
 - e. hair-pulling instrument (needle-nosed pliers, pen or pencil).
Needle-nosed pliers work best. You can use a pencil or pen to wrap the hairs around, but you will need to grip the hair very firmly.
2. Clean the pliers of any hair fragments or dirt from previous horses.
3. Thoroughly wash and dry your hands.
4. Horse's tail area should be dry and reasonably clean.
5. Try to stand to the horse's side to avoid being kicked if your horse is jumpy.

Pulling the hair

6. Grasp 8-10 hairs from the upper portion of the dock of the tail about 2-3 inches from the skin.
7. Turn the hair-pulling instrument to wrap the hairs around the instrument two times.
8. Pull in a sharp manner in the same direction as the hairs lay so you pull the hairs out without breaking them off.
9. Visually check to be sure you have the white root bulb swellings on the end of the pulled hairs.
10. DO NOT TOUCH THE HAIR ROOT BULBS!!
11. Cut the hair to about three inches in length
12. Put the hair with the root bulbs into the plastic bag.
13. Repeat hair pulling until you have **at least 60 root bulbs**.
14. Try to put the hair into the bag with all the root bulbs to the same side.

Sending the hair sample

15. Fold the hair submittal form around the plastic bag; put it in the envelope.
16. Mail to the address below. If mailing from outside the United States, a current import permit must accompany the sample.