

Avian Sample Collection Procedure using Feathers:

Feathers for DNA testing should be freshly plucked, not molted. Be sure hands are clean before taking samples. Avoid touching the ends on the feather shafts once they have been collected. Label the sample bag or envelope prior to collection of the sample in order to avoid sample mix-ups or cross contamination.

If you are inexperienced in handling birds or have not taken samples previously, it is recommended that samples be taken by a veterinarian.

1. With the bird restrained, pluck at least 5 chest or breast feathers (blood or primary feathers are not required). Additional feathers (or two primary feathers) may be required for smaller birds such as finches.
2. Place the feathers in a plastic bag or envelope clearly labeled with the bird's ID. Use only one bird's samples per bag or envelope.
3. Fill out the accompanying submission form and mail to:

**Veterinary Diagnostics Center
Avian DNA Testing Division
205 Corporate Court
Fairfield, OH 45014**



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