BLEEDING

EAR SWAB



CONSIDERATIONS:

- THIS TECHNIQUE IS TYPICALLY USED FOR BOARS OR ADULT SWINE.
- NEVER STRAIGHTEN A BENT NEEDLE, REPLACE WITH NEW.
- FOR SAFETY, BE AWARE OF PEN SURROUNDINGS FOR HAZARDS AND CURIOUS ANIMALS WHEN COLLECTING SAMPLES.
- USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.
- UTILIZE CLEAN SUPPLIES TO AVOID SAMPLE CONTAMINATION.
- LABEL SAMPLES WITH PERMANENT MARKER.

SUPPLIES:
RUBBER BAND OR ELASTIC BAND
RAYON POLYESTER SWAB
20 GAUGE NEEDLE
SNAP CAP TUBE (WITH 1 ML STERILE SALINE)
PAPER TOWELS OR WIPES

STEP 3.

ANIMAL RESTRAINT:

(PERSON 1)

REFER TO FINISHER OR ADULT RESTRAINT INSTRUCTIONS ON RESTRAINT PAGE

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

(PERSON 2)

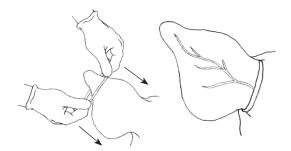
STEP 1.

CLEAN OFF EAR WITH PAPER TOWELS OR WIPES, IF DIRTY.



STEP 2.

PLACE BAND SECURELY AROUND BASE OF EAR. VEINS SHOULD QUICKLY BECOME APPARENT.



CHECK ANIMALS IN PEN TO CONFIRM NORMAL ACTIVITY WHEN BLEEDING IS COMPLETE. PROMPTLY CHILL SAMPLES FOR SHIPMENT.

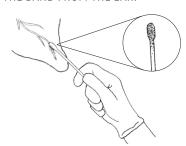


START TOWARDS THE EDGE OF THE EAR.

USE CLEAN NEEDLE TO PRICK VEIN. BLOOD SHOULD BEGIN TO POOL.

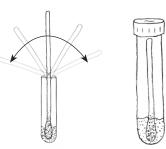
STEP 4.

USE SWAB TO COLLECT BLOOD UNTIL SWAB IS SATURATED. REMOVE THE BAND FROM THE EAR.



STEP 5.

BREAK OFF TIP OF SWAB INTO SNAP CAP TUBE WITH STERILE SALINE. SECURE LID.



SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

REFER TO SAMPLE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS ON SAMPLE SUBMISSION PAGE