

Oral cavity mucosa swab procedure

We will be happy to send you a special brush (cytobrush) free of charge

1. The oral cavity of the animal should be clean. It is best if the animal doesn't eat or drink 30 – 60 minutes before the swab.
2. Take the brush out of the wrapping.
3. Take care that the bristles of the brush do not touch any other tissue than the oral cavity of the examined individual.
4. Using the sterile brush, swab the inside part of the cheek of the animal for 5 seconds; keep changing the direction of movement.
5. Perform the swab very carefully!
6. There should be a visible amount of cells caught on the brush after the swab is complete.
7. Let the brush dry in contact with the air for 30 seconds.
8. Put the brush back into its wrapping.
9. Write the name of the animal on the wrapper of the sample, or the number which you will then also write on the request form next to the name of the animal.
10. Put the cytobrush into an envelope and send it by standard mail.

Measures to be taken when swabbing the mucosa of nursed young animals

There is a danger of contamination by cells from the animal's mother when oral cavity swabs are taken from the mucosa of nursed young. The results of the test may then be false.

Nursed young should be kept away from any contact with their mother and other siblings 60 minutes before taking the swab. It would be good if the young animal drank or ate, which would clean their oral cavity mechanically. Leave them for about 30 more minutes after the last meal or drink and only then take the swab.

Cytobrush photo

