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## **BVD Ear Notch Collection Protocol**

- 1. Start with a clean ear notch tool and 2% chlorhex solution.
- 2. Write animal ID on submission form matching vial number with animal ID.



3. Collect sample from upper edge of ear, attempting to minimise collection of faeces or other debris. Be sure to take a full depth notch. Note: face pliers upwards so the sample in not lost at during collection.



4. Place notch in tube and replace cap securely.



- 5. Dip notcher in water.
- 6. Dip notcher in 2% chlorhex solution.
- 7. Dip notcher in second container of water.
- 8. Move on to next animal.
- 9. Bring notches to Rochester Vet practice immediately or place samples in freezer until you can get the samples to the clinic. Transport samples using an eskie with an ice block.



