

3. The hooked or bulbous hair roots (follicles) plucked from under the skin should be clearly visible.

**It is only the follicle that contains the DNA, not the hair strand.**



4. If the samples are contaminated with faeces trim the distal end (opposite end to the bulbs).
5. Please do NOT tie a knot in the hair sample, it makes it very difficult to process in the laboratory
6. Place the hair sample on the collection card and stick the sticker across the middle of the sample, taking care to allow enough hair above it so that the follicles may be identified and cut in the lab.
7. Clearly label the sticker with the unique identity of the subject from which the sample was collected. It is this identity that will appear on the report.

NOTE: IF SEVERAL TESTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ONE SAMPLE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF HAIR IS SUBMITTED – A GOOD ESTIMATE IS AT LEAST 10 FOLLICLES PER TEST.