

USDA Horse Protection Program

Collection Protocol for Foreign Substance Penalty

During preshow meeting with management, we advise them we will be sampling.

The vials come in 2 boxes of 10 each with an environmental sample for each animal sampled.

We set up the vials, alcohol bottle, clipboard, labels and tamperproof tape on table.

When an entry is selected for sampling:

Two APHIS employees conduct the sampling. One picks up the foot while the other samples. We approach the horse carrying both the sample vial and the environmental vial and alert DQP of our intent to sample. We then request permission from custodian to sample horse. One APHIS person picks up the left foot being careful to avoid any contact with the pastern. The other employee then unscrews the cap of the sample vial, removes the cotton-tipped applicator and rubs the hair on both the anterior and posterior aspects of the pastern. The procedure is then repeated on the right pastern.

Upon completion of this aspect of the sampling the applicator is replaced into the vial. The environmental vial is then unscrewed, the applicator removed and waved around to capture any possible aerosol contaminants around horse. Custodian is then asked to provide Entry and Class #'s of his horse. We then return to table and record Class and Entry on a sheet on our clipboard. We then prepare a label with the show name, date, Class #, Entry # and initials of collector. We then add alcohol to preset lines in each vial and screw caps down. Caps are sealed with tamperproof tape and returned to sample box. Sample box is then maintained under our supervision. We also now obtain copy of class sheets for each horse we sample.

Shipping:

Before shipping to Ames, Class and entry numbers with labels are cross-checked. 10-4 form is prepared and seal sample boxes with tamperproof tape provided by NVSL. The boxes are then packed and sent to Ames.