The 2026-2027 International Donkey (*Equus asinus*) STR Typing Comparison Tests

Critical Duty Lab NOTES for shipping and receiving of samples

- **To receive samples in a timely fashion, please completely fill out necessary paperwork.**
- **Please ensure you have completed and uploaded all documents that are required to accompany the shipment of samples (Anexo, I, II, III, IV, etc.). These documents need to be completed with your information (recipient) as well as the shipper information provided by the duty lab below.**
- **The duty lab will fill in the Federal Express tracking number and sign their name.**
- **All other information is the responsibility of the recipient.**
- **Below is critical information that should help you prepare all documentation:**

Shipper: Dr. Rytis Juras

Individual who packaged the samples: Dr. Rytis Juras

Title of Shipper: Research Scientist

Shippers Company: Animal Genetics Lab., Texas A&M University

Shippers Address: Texas A&M University CVM

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Shipper Phone:1-979-845-6524

Shipper Email: rjuras@cvm.tamu.edu

Shipment will be via FedEx

Departing airport: George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas, USA

Shipment contents: 22 individually sealed 1.8 ml tubes. Each tube contains 50ul of purified domestic donkey DNA rehydrated in water. The extraction protocol inactivates all possible pathogens.

Shipping packaging: 22 sealed individual tubes, labeled HCT1-22, the 22 tubes will be placed in a sealed plastic bag, which will then be placed in a sealed insulated pouch.

Notes:

1. Whole blood samples for DNA isolation were collected from domestic horses that were healthy at the time of sampling.

2. US veterinarians do not have stamps to certify the shipment. The US Fish and Wildlife Service/State Veterinary services will not certify the contents as they were not present during collection, extraction, and packaging. Thus, there will be no official veterinarian certification stamp.
3. If you need a letter included with your shipment, please send a draft of the letter in an editable format that can be copied onto the duty laboratories letterhead.
4. For the recipient contact, please make sure the person you list will be available at the contact number you provide and can answer any import questions from customs and FedEx. Several duty labs reported in previous CTs, not supplying the correct name/number/e-mail or not replying to questions sent to recipient is the number one reason samples are delayed or never received.