

## **DIRECTIONS FOR USING DNA BLOOD CARDS FOR ASCA REGISTERED DOGS**

Be sure you have filled out the ASCA DNA form included with your card(s).

1. Do not open the card until you are ready to use it. **DO ONE DOG AT A TIME.**
2. Do only one card at a time. Finish one card and move it out of the area before starting another.
3. When ready, open the card so you know what to look for when you are ready to place the blood on the card, being careful not to contaminate the 2 purple circled areas.
4. Label front of the card with dog's ASCA registration number and name. (Note: There is no bar code.)
5. Label the small plastic envelope, which the card is returned to the lab in, with the dog's name and registration number.
6. Have a qualified person (Vet, Tech, Dr., Nurse) draw the blood.
7. **DO NOT** touch the needle to the inside of the card; do not touch **ANYTHING** on the inside of the card.
8. **DO NOT** saturate the card. Drop 4 or 5 drops of blood inside each of the 2 circle areas of the card.
9. **DO NOT** blow on card to dry it. **DO NOT** touch the blood area.
10. **DO NOT** reuse needle or syringe. Please dispose of properly.
11. Make a tent out of the card (to allow the blood to dry) and place it on the corresponding envelope (in another area away from where you are drawing blood if you are doing more than one profile) and let dry for at least 30 to 60 minutes; **LONGER IF IT'S HUMID.**
12. When the card is dry, place in the corresponding envelope and seal.
13. Please include a copy of the dog's ASCA registration with the sample and form. If the dog is not ASCA registered, include the other registry certificate.
14. If you have more dogs to profile, begin at step 1 above.

Note: Cards do not need to be refrigerated and can be mailed in the regular mail. Send as soon after collection as possible with the ASCA DNA submission form.

**Send to:        THERION INTERNATIONAL, LLC  
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                  SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866**

**SEND WITH A RETURN RECEIPT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE LAB RECEIVED  
YOUR SAMPLE**