

From October 2024, the DNA testing process for Herefords Australia (HAL) members has changed to become more efficient. Members can now send their samples directly to Neogen Australasia if accompanied with the correct paperwork. Members are advised to follow the steps below:

- 1. Ensure your animals are registered in the HAL database HAL <u>cannot</u> request a test for an animal that is not in our database.
- 2. Collect your DNA samples. If using Hair cards, visit our online store to ensure you have current Hair cards. Repackaging fees may apply for old cards.
- 3. Download the most up to date DNA Test Request Spreadsheet from the HAL website located: DNA tab > DNA Test Request Spreadsheet.

If you are using an Apple device (e.g. ipad, mac) you may need to download Microsoft Excel from your App store.

4. Complete the DNA Test Request Spreadsheet and email this to: registrar@herefordsaustralia.com.au

HAL cannot provide members with the paperwork they require unless a DNA Test Request Spreadsheet has been provided.

- 5. HAL staff will submit your test requests to Neogen and reply to your email with an Acknowledgement letter.
- **6. Print and Post** Print this Acknowledgement letter and attach your samples to it. Post to: Neogen Australasia, 14 Hume Drive, Bundamba, Ipswich QLD 4304
- 7. **Results** will be provided within 4-6 weeks of the lab receiving your samples. Your results are sent to HAL to load into our database and HAL will email a copy of these results to you.
- **8.** Payment Members will receive an invoice HAL for their tests at the end of the month from HAL.

Members do not have to post the Acknowledgement letter to the lab if you are requesting a test from a sample that is already stored at Neogen. Complete the spreadsheet with the sample type as 'Done'. The paperwork sent from HAL to Neogen will begin the testing process.

If you have any questions about the DNA testing process, please contact the office on 02 6772 1399.



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