

Equus Survival Trust Action Alert ***May 2008***

THANK YOU!

We are pleased to say our request for samples has met with good response. Dr Cothran has received the necessary quotas on several of the previously requested breeds.



<p>We are still looking for samples from: Dartmoor, Highland, Gotland-Russ and Canadian Horse.</p>

DNA HAIR SAMPLES NEEDED!

The Equus Survival Trust is conducting a census and requesting DNA hair samples for horses and ponies not already on record with hair samples at Texas A&M.

The immediate purpose is to supplement and update Dr. Cothran's data in order to incorporate meaningful data into his research. For those of you not familiar with Dr. Cothran, he is a noted equine geneticist at Texas A&M University formerly of the University of KY. He specializes in endangered breeds and he is also part of the global team working on mapping the genome of the horse.

The collective data will become part of Dr. Cothran's lecture, "*Equine Breeding Strategies for Small Gene Pools*". The lecture is open to the public and scheduled for Saturday evening September 6th during the Equus Survival Trust's *Festivale of Endangered Equines* at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY.

We are looking for hair samples from the following breeds:

Dartmoor, Dales, Highland, Gotland-Russ
and Canadian Horse

There is no charge for samples received prior to June 1st

Hair samples should be sent to Dr. Cothran utilizing the instruction link & form below. Those who gave samples to KY or that only have blood on file are requested to submit again.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to get your horse's DNA on file free of charge and contribute to the conservation of your breed.

Please help by sending all the samples you can and by nudging your fellow breeders to do the same.

Additional questions can be directed to:

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