

Organization Sample Drug Testing Policy Forms

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The American Racing Pigeon Union sincerely appreciates the research, hard work and support of the Gulfcoast Homing Club (GHC)! The AU has adopted the GHC Drug Test policy, which is below.

Sample guidelines for organizations which do not have a Drug Testing Policy in place.

Introduction. This policy section provides an example and guideline for AU organizations (Club, Combine, Concourses, Federations, Association, etc.) to use in the creation of a platform of ground rules for pigeon organizations, which will reduce misunderstandings, conflicts, and improve the retention of both old and new members in the sport of pigeon racing. The word 'organization' may be exchanged with Club, Combine, Concourse, etc. to fit the size of the organization as defined in AU100 and AU110.

Please see the next pages for the various forms.

DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE (Year)

I (members name) of the, (organizational) declare that I have received a copy of the AU Prohibited Performance Enhancing Drugs List issued by the (organizations name). I have also received a copy of the document (year) "Performance Enhancing Drug Testing Rules", which outlines the testing procedures, policies and penalties that will be enforced by the (organization name), and I agree to abide by the conditions set forth in said document and in any updates to this document.

I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to assure that any birds either owned or being handled by me, and competing in any future (organization) Race Series, are free of any of those substances listed on the banned list.

I also agree to accept the procedure, policies and penalties as being reasonable, fair and for the health of the pigeons and the good of the sport of racing pigeons.

Flyer(s) Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____

Witness _____

Date _____

PIGEON FECES COLLECTION FORM

(This list to remain with the Race Organizers or their representatives)

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|---------------------|--|
| Race Event: | |
| Date of Collection: | |
| Pigeon Owner: | |

_____ Specimen Number:

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_____ (All specimen containers must have identical number)

I hereby declare that the above information is correct.

Date

Time

Print Name of Owner /Flyer

Signature of Owner/Flyer

Print name of Feces Collector

Signature of Feces Collector

Print Name of Witness

Signature of Witness

(year) (organization name) Drug Testing Rules

The Drug Committee shall consist of (number) members that are appointed by the president for a period of one year.

One of those appointed shall be designated by the president as Chairman.

It shall be the responsibility of the drug committee to randomly, or for a specific reason, test those pigeon(s) that are competing in (organizational name) races to assure that they are free of any of those performance enhancing drugs listed as being prohibited on the AU Banned Drug List. This list shall be primarily, but not limited to, those substances identified on the KBDB Red List and the GHC list. Additions and deletions to this list may be made at any time and will take effect 30 days after the members are notified of the changes

It shall be the Chairman of the drug committees' responsibility to assign committee members to conduct the tests and decide which, how and when lofts are to be tested

The tests may be either blood, feather or fecal and conducted prerace, postrace or any other time during a racing season that the committee deems it is necessary. Samples may be taken from the lofts or pigeons of its members. A sample may also be taken from containers used to transport pigeons from the member's loft to the club for shipping. It is in the interest of every member to ensure the container and its contents is free from any trace of banned substances.

All members must agree, in writing, to having these tests conducted any time they are competing in a (organization) race.

Any bird that belongs to or is being handled by a member for a race that fails a drug test or any member that fails to comply with that or any other drug rule will be immediately suspended from all club activities and referred to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

In the event a bird fails the drug test the drug committee shall investigate the labs findings and report the results of the investigation and their recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The penalty for any owner/handler found guilty of any portion of this rule shall be: First offense - Suspension from all activities of the (organization) for (length of time).

Second Offense - Permanent expulsion from the (organization).

The Board of Directors shall review the facts and recommendations of the case, presented by the Drug Committee, and take any actions they deem necessary.

The owner/handler shall be notified immediately, of their decision, and informed of his right to appeal the Boards decision in writing within (number) days. This appeal will allow the owner/handler to appear before the board and plead his case.

Within (number) days of the hearing the board shall rule on the appeal and immediately notify the owner/handler of their findings.

The decision of the Board of Directors is final and there are no further appeals available.

Anyone that refuses to cooperate with the testing procedures or who aids or abets any other person, either actively or passively, in the administration of performances drugs or attempts to disguise their administration shall also be deemed guilty and subject to disciplinary action(s).

All costs in the case of a clearly positive result of a test, including the initial analysis, shall be borne by the offender.

Medical treatment may not be used as justification should the result prove positive. Pigeons undergoing medical treatment with banned substances cannot be in a part of the loft dedicated to racing. In the seven days following the closure of a race in which they have taken part, the pigeon may not be treated with any banned substances.

All eligible prizes for the event, for which the owner/handler was found guilty shall be forfeited and awarded to the next placed participant.

If the action taken is in the case of a breeder and handler race and there is no evidence presented showing the breeders involvement, a free entry shall be given the breeder in the next scheduled similar event for each disqualified bird that was eligible for a prize.

SOP 118 DRUG TESTING

All testing shall be at the direction of and conducted by the (organizations name) Drug Committee.

The (organizations) President may order the testing of any competing birds owned or being handled by a Drug Committee member.

Pre-Race Testing - Handlers will be ordered to have their birds tested when they appear to ship a race.

Post-Race Testing - Immediately after the preliminary race results are posted arrangements will be made to have specific bird(s) tested.

Random Testing -Anytime during a racing season the committee may order a competing bird(s)be made available to be tested.

Most testing shall be done in an area of _____ designated as the testing area. Should it be deemed necessary testing may be conducted at places other than the clubhouse.

Testing Procedure

Birds to be tested shall be taken to the Drug Testing area where at least two drug committee members shall obtain the sample(s) necessary.

Those pigeon(s) tested will be removed/replaced from their carrier by their handler. All samples obtained shall be in the presence of the handler.

Fecal - pigeons from each of the carriers of birds to be entered in the race shall be removed at the direction of the overseeing committee members. The birds shall be placed in the cages prepared with clean paper beneath them.

The pigeons shall remain there until there are a sufficient number of droppings to be tested. The pigeons shall then be removed from the cages. The droppings shall be collected by the committee members and placed in a plastic bag which will be sealed with at least two numbered testing laboratory stickers.

Feather-a pigeon shall be selected by the testing committee members. The handler shall remove the bird from the carrier and pull a feather. The feather shall be given to the overseeing committee members and placed in a sealed plastic bag. The remainder of this process shall be as indicated in the Fecal test instructions.

Blood - a pigeon shall be selected by the testing committee and given to a qualified medical assistant. The assistant shall draw the blood and the vial containing same shall be placed in a sealed plastic bag. The remainder of the process shall be as indicated in the Fecal test instructions above. The identifying information of that person obtaining the sample shall be indicated on the sampling form.

A laboratory identification card shall be filled out and along with the sample, placed in a larger plastic bag and sealed with a testing laboratory numbered seal.

The samplers and handler must sign the sampling form indicating compliance with the rules.

Sealed samples shall be immediately stored in the secure refrigerator/ freezer for shipment to the laboratory at the soonest available mailing.

A member of the drug committee shall take the sealed sample to the post office for mailing.

A receipt shall be obtained indicating the date and time of the shipping and this document shall be attached to the sampling form. The name of drug committee member shipping the sample shall also be indicated on this form.

A list of all those loft(s) and or birds tested during a series shall be posted (location) When the results of the tests are received from the laboratory that information shall be noted on this list in a pass or fail fashion.

When the results of the test(s) are received from the laboratory the handler/owner shall be notified of the findings.

Should the test results reveal the presence of prohibited performance enhancing drugs the handler/owner shall be notified in writing and given the opportunity to appear before the Drug Committee and appeal and/or offer an explanation for the findings.

The meeting shall be held within 10 days of the date of notification.

Within 5 days of that meeting the Drug Committee shall notify the handler/owner of their findings and refer the matter to the (organization's) Board of Directors.

The Board shall review the facts of the case and present their findings and recommendations for disciplinary actions(s), if any, to the members for a vote at the next scheduled or special meeting.

Feather Sample Collection Preparation

The collection of feather samples should be undertaken by a competent individual within a secure, contamination-free facility. Ideally, the collector should wear gloves when handling feathers.

Collection Supplies

Collection supplies should include:

- TVMDL submission form and/or chain of custody form
- Disposable gloves
- Scissors
- Collection cup or plastic bag
- Security seal

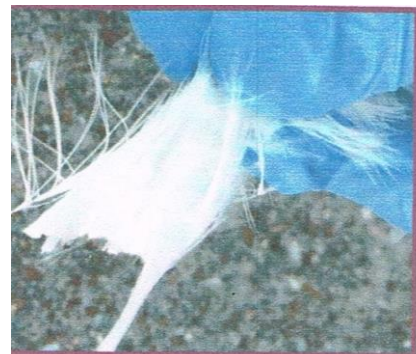


Collection Supplies

Collecting the Sample

Before collection, make sure all scissors intended for collection are clean. It is recommended the collector use an alcohol wipe to clean scissors before each cut.

1. Collect feathers from the base of the tail area on the upper back of the bird.
2. Cut sample as close to the skin as possible. Do not pull feather out. Collect a minimum of 10 feathers from the base of the tail area for broilers and a minimum of 6 feathers for turkeys.
3. Place sample in plastic jar or bag and ensure it stays contamination-free. If collecting multiple samples, wash scissors, and use new disposable gloves each time. Wash hands between each collection if gloves are not worn.
4. Clearly label the plastic jar or bag.
5. Place security seal across the lid of the jar or fold up the bag to maintain chain of custody.



Steps 3, 4, and 5

For more information on submitting feather samples, visit tvmdl.tamu.edu.

Avoid postal service delays by shipping specimens via overnight courier directly to the physical address listed below. Not all locations perform all tests. For faster service, ship directly to the location that performs the tests requested. Visit our website for the latest information on test offerings.

College Station Laboratory

USPS Mail Address
PO Drawer 3040
College Station, TX 77841-3040
Telephone 979.845.3414

Physical /Shipping Address
483 Agronomy Road
College Station, TX 77843-4471
FAX 979.845.1794

Canyon Laboratory

USPS Mail Address
WT Box 60818
Canyon, TX 79016
Telephone 806.651.7478

Physical /Shipping Address
3209 Russell Long Blvd
Canyon, TX 79016
FAX 806.651.7477

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| SUBMITTER INFORMATION | ANIMAL OWNER INFORMATION | For TVMDL Use |
| Account # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark if Submitter and Owner Information are the same. | Accession # _____ |
| Clinic _____ | Name _____ | Assignments _____ |
| Address _____ | Address _____ | Opened By _____ |
| City _____ | City _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> FedEx <input type="checkbox"/> UPS <input type="checkbox"/> LSO |
| State _____ ZIP _____ | State _____ ZIP _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger |
| Email _____ | Email _____ | Other Carrier _____ |
| Telephone _____ | Telephone _____ | # Samples _____ |
| Veterinarian _____ | Previous Accession # _____ | Comment _____ |
| Billing Account # (if different from primary account) _____ | Premises ID _____ | |

Animal ID(s)/Name(s) _____
List multiples below in Clinical History or attach additional pages.

Species Avian Bovine Canine Caprine Equine Feline Ovine Porcine Wildlife Zoo Non-Animal

Breed _____ **Sex** Male M-Neut Female F-Neut **Age** _____ **Weight** _____
Yr Mo Day Fetus lb kg

| Specimen Type and Anatomic Location | Collection Date | Test Code | Test Name |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
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Hold for cremation? Yes No **Was the animal euthanized?** Yes No

Legal/Forensic Case **Insurance Case** **Export Case** **Zoonotic Suspect**

For biopsies, was the entire lesion submitted? Yes No

Clinical History (please print) _____

Clinical Diagnosis _____

- An accession fee is charged on each submission.
- All samples and documentation submitted become property of TVMDL and may be tested as part of state/federal surveillance programs, utilized for research and educational purposes, and/or development of new assays.
- TVMDL is unable to return samples unless prior arrangements are approved by the agency director or designee.
- Changes to account information (email, phone, address, etc) can be made by contacting TVMDL's Finance Section at 979.458.3207.
- Order supplies and view a complete catalog of tests, fees, sample requirements, and testing schedules at <https://tvmdl.tamu.edu>.