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Tips for Collecting Samples

- hair samples taken from the tail have proven to be best
- the harder it is to pull, the better the sample
- briefly inspect pulled hair to ensure roots are present (roots are easier to see on tail samples)
- a handful of approximately 50 hairs is adequate
- for antlers, collect shavings produced from drilling up the core of the antler
- clearly label all (wax free) envelopes, avoid using plastic bags for hair samples
- store samples in a <u>dry</u>, dark place (like a drawer or cupboard) until ready to send