General information on dispatch of samples

Please note the following points regarding the dispatch of samples to the Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics/Animal and Pathogenetics Research Group:

- The **preferred sample material for testing is EDTA blood samples**; samples from ear tag tissue collectors and feather samples are also suitable. Although the use of hair and mucosal samples is also possible in principle, the lower DNA yield from this material means there is a risk that a further sample may need to be requested, thereby delaying the analysis. Please send hair or mucosal samples only after prior consultation!

Regardless of the type of sample, please note the following:

- Ensure that the samples are **clearly labelled** so that they can be easily assigned to the respective animal!
- Please **do not send multiple samples from the same animal** unless this has been explicitly requested.
- For the collection of special samples (hair, feather samples), please follow the relevant instructions provided on our website.
- Blood samples must also be packed in a **sealed plastic bag** (e.g. a zip-lock freezer bag) **containing absorbent material** (e.g. kitchen roll). This ensures that no blood leaks from the package should a tube break.
- Please attach the label ("Exempt Animal Specimen") to the package/envelope when sending your samples:

- Please make sure you **do not send samples just before the weekend or public holidays**, especially during the warm summer months.