

## **CULTURE SWAB**

For collecting cultures from brood mares, our 3-piece design lets you retrieve your sample in a simple and sanitary procedure. Once the sample is retrieved, it can be stored and transported safely in its own protective capsule. Individually wrapped and sterilized.

### **HOW TO USE THE CULTURE SWAB**

The swab unit consists the following:

Outer sheath

Inner sheath

Swab

After thoroughly scrubbing the mare's external reproductive tract for a minimum of 3 to 5 minutes, sleeve up using a sterile sleeve and carefully remove the entire culture swab from the plastic bag.

Insert the culture assembly into the vaginal canal and then onto and in the cervical canal

The wire tie holds the sheaths together from accidentally sliding forward after you have entered the cervix; remove the wire tie now

Grasp onto the inner sheath and push through the white scored tip of the outer sheath

Note: if you push on the swab/white portion of this apparatus the swab end will snap off/break into the uterus!

Slide the swab through the inner sheath

Obtain the culture by rotating the swab in a smooth circular manner

Retract the swab back into the protective sleeve past the hole by which the twist tie held everything together and then pull the inner sheath back through the white scored tip of the outer sheath.

Remove the entire culture swab apparatus

We recommend using a Culturette and/or similar type of culture transport system to properly hold and maintain the integrity of the sample taken until it can be properly plated on media in a laboratory environment.