

## FUR TESTING

When visiting a cattery is not possible, testing with a sample of fur can be very helpful. Testing directly with fur is preferable to testing with cloth or a t-shirt where the dam and kittens sleep.

We send multiple fur samples from adult breeding Siberians that have not been washed in the last three months. This assures that you are testing with known level of Fel d1 allergen.

We recommend placing the fur on a pillowcase and putting your face against it. The pillowcase can be shaken outside and washed to remove any residual allergen. Until you know how you react to each sample, it is prudent to be very cautious.

When testing with multiple samples, please gently wash your face and wait several hours between trials, or try them on different days. This will help give you and us a better idea regarding possible allergic reactions to different fur samples. The majority of reactions to feline allergens will occur within 12 minutes of direct exposure.

Testing with fur from kittens tends to have varied results and should not be tried. In addition to changing allergen levels, kittens often have dust from the litter box on their coats.

### **Please Note:**

Test in a room that is easy to cleanup if you do have a reaction to the fur.

Please do NOT take fur into your bedroom. Fel d1 and other allergens spread into the air.

Consult your doctor if you have medical questions prior to testing with the fur.

Please have your medications/antihistamines on hand in case you have a reaction.

Reactions may be masked if you are currently taking antihistamines or prednisone.