

***But now you can add years of the unconditional love and companionship you enjoy.***

Preserving your dog, cat or horse's DNA makes it possible for ViaGen Pets & Equine to produce their genetically identical twin. Genetics play a large role in their physical appearance, as well as drive their personality and behavioral traits such as friendliness, obedience, temperament, and intelligence. So, you can look forward to the joy of extending the relationship you have with your beloved, furry family member.

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The first crucial step in cloning a pet is Genetic Preservation. Genetic Preservation is \$1,600 (USD) and includes a biopsy kit, shipped to you or directly to your veterinarian. The biopsy kit contains the items required to take and ship biopsy samples to us. Your veterinarian would obtain 2 to 4 small (4 mm) skin biopsies under a local or general anesthetic. The biopsies are then shipped right away to our lab in Texas where we culture millions of cells from the tissues. Each cell contains your pet's complete DNA, and these cells will be the starting point for cloning. The cell culture takes a few weeks to be completed, then the cells are cryopreserved and stored and remain viable indefinitely. You do not have to clone right away; these cells can be used at any point down the road for cloning. An annual storage fee of \$150 (USD) begins one year after the samples are received.

We are commonly asked questions like; what age does my pet need to be for samples to be taken? Can samples be taken if my pet has passed? How do I know that my genetically preserved or cloned pet is authentic? How do I know my samples are safely stored? Will the biopsy process harm my pet?

Genetic Preservation can be done with pets of all ages. We recommend considering having the samples collected during routine veterinarian visits such as vaccinations, dental check-ups, and procedures where the pet will already be under general anesthesia. If your pet has passed, we can accept samples up to five days postmortem. Note, there are several factors that need to be considered if the animal has passed. Tissue cannot be frozen at any time and should be refrigerated. For more detailed information please review the Emergency instructions on our website.

While ViaGen Pets & Equine is working on culturing and preserving your pet's cells, an independent, University veterinary genetics laboratory is working on a genetic report for your pet. This report is essentially your pet's DNA fingerprint, unique to them. We will keep this report on file to confirm your cloned pet is genetically identical to your pet.

Rest knowing that we at ViaGen Pets & Equine take the security of your pet's genetic material

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very seriously. We ensure the safety of your pet's genes in several ways, including keeping the cells stored in multiple locations, alarm systems and limited personnel access.

The tissue biopsy sample taken by your veterinarian will not harm your pet. Typically, your pet will be fully healed from the tissue biopsy in a just a few days.

To learn more visit [www.viagenpets.com](http://www.viagenpets.com) or call 888-876-6104.

