**RE: Tissue Sampling - Update**

Dear member,

The Aberdeen Angus Society adopted our state-of-the-art tissue sampling tag for the Sire Verification programme in 2015. As a company we have continued to develop the technology in line with the rapid developments in DNA testing. We are pleased to inform you that we have now created a new form of tissue preservative. Our standard tissue sampling tube used today uses a dry desiccant, which dries the sample to preserve it. Our latest technology uses a specially formulated liquid to preserve the sample and aid the extraction of DNA.

Trials have proved that both types of preservation work equally well and DNA can be successfully extracted from either dry or liquid preserved samples. The new liquid preservative protects the tissue differently and is more robust, if the tissue samples are stored for longer periods on farm or in inappropriate conditions.

As a member of The Aberdeen Angus Society we would like to offer you the choice of preservative that you have when ordering your tissue sampling ear tags.

Please inform the Caisley Customer Team at the point of order which preservation option you would like; dry or liquid. Please note that tags with liquid preservative are slightly more expensive and available in large or button size only. In coming years tags with liquid preservation will likely become the default option.

If you have any further questions please contact the Customer Services manager Hannah Bailey on 01765 530296.

Kind Regards

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