Swine DNA Tag Application

1) Start out by removing the male end of the tag (pointed stud)

2) Place the male end onto the needle of the tagger. Make sure you twist it back and forth so it’s tightly on the needle.

3) Next, push together the two pieces on the female end. Be sure they are connected all the way around and sealed tight.

4) Push the metal clip to allow the female end to insert. Be sure it’s all the way inserted.

5) Test the tagger by making sure the male end meets the small circle on the female end.

6) When tagging the animal, be sure to tag as close to the middle of the ear as possible and avoid hitting any major, visible blood vessels.

7) ALWAYS place the male (stud) end on the BACK/TOP of the animal’s ear.

8) Quickly push the tagger and make sure it goes all the way in.

9) The tagger may pull apart on its own or you may have to pull it apart.

10) On the front of the pig’s ear is the DNA sample collector piece.

11) Quickly pull the DNA sample collector off of the ear tag (or tagger).

12) BE SURE the black DNA “plug” is straight and fully inserted into the sample collector. If not, re-tag the animal in a different spot.

13) Place the DNA sample piece in the envelope.

14) Write all tag numbers on the outside of the large, white DNA envelope.