

Great Ape TAG endorsed

**Important Information for the Donation of Research Samples to the
EAZA Great Ape TAG Endorsed Ape Heart Project/Cardiac Sample Biobank**

- CITES permits are required by some countries for the movement of samples taken from CITES listed specimens between EU member states – please check with your local authorities
- It is advised that all biological samples are packaged appropriately;
 - i.e. double bagged and placed inside a sealed container
- All packages should be labelled as “exempt animal specimens”
- It is advised that for samples being sent in the post, you seek clarification of the postal regulations in your country
- In the case of formalin fixed samples;
 - Formalin should be drained off and the sample wrapped in saline soaked gauze swabs or similar to prevent desiccation
- When sending packages, please first contact us by email to allow us to prepare for receipt of the sample
- When sending the samples, the submitting institution are thereby in agreement that;
 - The samples are being *donated* to Twycross Zoo, who are acting on behalf of the EAZA Great Ape Taxon Advisory Group (GATAG)
 - The samples may be used for future research on great ape health and disease
 - Note - access to and use of the samples will be controlled by the TAG/biobank co-ordinators and will be restricted to EAZA approved research projects

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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