## Match/Comparison

## **How to submit a Parent Verification request**

Match/Comparison DNA requests are used exclusively when an animal's identity needs to be confirmed (not pedigree). For example, an animal lost their ear tag and you need to confirm their identity. A new sample is submitted and the request made to compare those types to types already on file for the animal you suspect it is. Match requests generate a Comparison report comparing the types of the new sample with those already on file under the case number(s) provided.

The Parent Verification (PV) option can be selected for the test request if the sample needs comparison to possible parent(s) for pedigree verification.

- Select Parent verification option, new fields will pop up to enter the parent info. If dam(s) and/or sire(s) have been DNA tested and have records on file, follow the steps below.
- If the parent animals were tested through your account, you can search for them by name/reg #.
- If the parent animal was not tested through your account, use the 'Enter sire name and case #' button
- List the bull to be compared as sire in the fields provided. Click the button again, to list alternate sires to compare.
- Under the Dam- Info section, search your account by name/reg or Click on the 'Enter Name + VGL case #' button
- Enter the name and case # for the cows to be compared. Click the button again, to list
  alternate dams to compare (up to 20 males and females can be listed per request.
   Please list ALL possible sires and dams on the same request). Avoid submitting multiple
  parentage requests for the same offspring animal.
- If the dam/sire sample is being submitted for testing at the same time as the offspring animal, use the "Add new sire/dam" buttons and enter the bull/cow's info.
- If the parent animal already has a test request pending, follow the steps above for the previously tested parent, begin typing the animal's name and select their pending test request from the drop down list of your account's existing records.
- Review your entries and Click on the "Save PV Request" at the bottom of the page

If you ever have questions about using the website, please do not hesitate to call VGL's Customer Service 530-752-2211.