CONSIDERATIONS:
- Consult your veterinarian for the location and number of ropes to use.
- Newly placed pigs tend to be uninterested in hanging ropes.
- If pens are divided by concrete walls, an extension rope could be secured to overhead beams, then oral fluids rope attached to extension rope. Brackets are another option.
- Do not tie rope in a knot on gating.
- For safety, be aware of pen surroundings for hazards and curious animals when collecting samples.
- Use personal protective equipment.
- Use clean supplies to avoid sample contamination.
- Label samples with permanent marker.

SUPPLIES:
- 3/8” or 1/2” cotton rope (3-stranded twisted, undyed, unbleached)
- Gallon plastic bag
- Cutting tool
- Conical tube

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

**STEP 1.**
CUT ROPE SO THAT WHEN FOLDED IN HALF THE ENDS HANG AT SHOULDER HEIGHT OF PIGS.

**STEP 2.**
UNRAVEL BOTH ENDS OF ROPE.

**STEP 3.**
TIE ROPE IN AN AREA OF PEN AWAY FROM FEED AND WATER. FIRST, FOLD ROPE IN HALF, DRAPE FOLDED END OVER GATE, BRING BOTH ENDS THROUGH LOOP, PULL TO SECURE.

**STEP 4.**
ALLOW PIGS TO CHEW ON ROPE FOR 15-30 MINUTES.

**STEP 5.**
WHILE STILL SECURED, PLACE ROPE INTO PLASTIC BAG.

**STEP 6.**
STRIP, SQUEEZE, OR WRING THE ROPE SO FLUIDS ACCUMULATE INTO THE BAG.

**STEP 7.**
POUR AT LEAST 5 mL OF ORAL FLUIDS INTO TUBE, SECURE CAP, REMOVE AND DISCARD ROPE. PROMPTLY CHILL SAMPLES FOR SHIPMENT.

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