Sample collection: As simple as 1, 2, 3...

**Laryngeal swab**

1. **What you’d need:**
   - One helper to restrain the pig
   - Gloves
   - Pig snare
   - Mouth gag
   - Laryngoscope
   - Sterile swab
   - Permanent marker

2. **How to collect it:**
   - Restrain the pig using a snare
   - Place the gag to keep the mouth open
   - Use the laryngoscope to depress the tongue
   - Visualize the opening of the larynx
   - Insert the tip of the swab into the larynx
   - Swab the larynx in a firm yet gentle fashion

3. **How to process it:**
   - Identify the sample(s) (date, animal ID, etc.)
   - Refrigerate the samples
   - Pack in a leak proof container
   - Fill out the submission form(s)
   - Ship to: University of Minnesota
     Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
     1333 Gortner Ave
     St. Paul, MN 55108