



# DNA Buying Guide

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Are you sure you're  
buying the right DNA test?

Learn how to pick the  
**RIGHT DNA TEST** and get it  
at the **BEST PRICE!**

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# DNA Buying Guide

If you are planning to purchase a DNA test kit for yourself, as a gift, several tests for family members, or have a specific testing need, ***DNA Buying Guide*** provides you with the best strategy as you navigate all the different sales offers on DNA test kits and related genetic genealogy products.

With this handy guide, you will get answers to the following questions:

- Which DNA test kit should you purchase? Should you buy now or wait for an upcoming sale?
- Which DNA testing companies are the best? Is there a difference?
- What type of DNA test should you purchase?
- What are your DNA research goals?
- Which is the best DNA test kit to purchase?

***DNA Buying Guide*** also covers Other Factors in Choosing a DNA Test Kit and provides a Resource List with over 100 tools and sites to help you get the most out of your DNA testing experience.

## Introduction



**Which DNA test kit should you purchase? Should you buy now or wait for an upcoming sale?**

Visit the **DNA Bargains Coupon Page** ([HERE](#)) for the latest, up-to-date coupons and promo codes **BEFORE** you purchase a DNA test kit.

If you are planning to purchase a DNA test kit for yourself, as a gift, several tests for family members, or have a specific testing need, here is the best strategy as you navigate all the offers on DNA:

## Which DNA Testing Companies are the Best?



While this might be a matter up for discussion, keep in mind that there are many “fly by night” or disreputable companies jumping on the bandwagon. You do not want to spend good money on a test and not get results useful for genealogical research. The short list below is our recommended vendors in alphabetical order (not ranked otherwise):

- **23andMe:** the regular price is **\$99 USD** for Ancestry Service (basic autosomal DNA test) and **\$199 USD** for Ancestry Service + Health. Click [HERE](#) for the latest pricing on 23andMe.
- **AncestryDNA:** the regular price is **\$99 USD** for AncestryDNA (basic autosomal DNA test). Click [HERE](#) for the latest pricing on AncestryDNA.
- **Family Tree DNA:** the regular price is **\$79 USD** for Family Finder (basic autosomal DNA test). Click [HERE](#) for latest pricing on Family Tree DNA.
- **Living DNA:** the regular price is **\$159 USD / £159 GBP** for their 3-in-1 ancestry test (autosomal, mtDNA and Y-DNA). Click [HERE](#) for latest pricing on Living DNA.
- **MyHeritage DNA:** the regular price is **\$99 USD** (basic autosomal DNA test). Click [HERE](#) for the latest pricing on MyHeritage.

These vendors, for the most part, work with the genealogy community and listen to their research needs. Their test data can be downloaded and, in most cases, uploaded to other DNA sites. These vendors also, for the most part, offer “matching” with other customers who have tested their DNA.

**WARNING:** Do not pay more than \$99 USD for a basic autosomal DNA test. Do not work with vendors who offer severely discounted tests such as \$29 USD. Be aware that some DNA tests are “basic” and then charge you for results interpretation.

# What Type of DNA Test Should I Get?

As stated above, your DNA testing needs will depend upon your research goals. Here is a brief, easy-to-understand overview of the different types of DNA test kits as well as DNA research goals.



## Types of DNA Test Kits Available

### Autosomal

- An autosomal DNA test is the most common DNA test kit on the market currently and tests for DNA inherited from **both** of your parents. The test results will also include random DNA inherited from your grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.
- Autosomal tests are a good starting point for anyone who has not yet taken a DNA test.
- Autosomal tests are highly accurate when it comes to testing relationships from parent/child up to the Second Cousin level (2C).
- For higher-level relationships (above 2C) you may need to expand the number of people tested for accurate results.
- The following vendors offer autosomal DNA tests: [23andMe](#), [AncestryDNA](#), [Family Tree DNA](#), [LivingDNA](#) (combined with mtDNA and Y-DNA), and [MyHeritage DNA](#).

### Mitochondrial

- A mitochondrial or mtDNA test traces the test subject's maternal (mother's) lineage.
- Mitochondrial DNA is passed down by the mother unchanged, to all children, both male and female.

- An mtDNA test can be taken by **both male and female** test subjects.
- The following vendors offer mtDNA tests: [Family Tree DNA](#) and [Living DNA](#) (combined with autosomal and Y-DNA).

### Y chromosome DNA

- A Y chromosome DNA or Y-DNA test traces the test subject's paternal (father's) lineage along a direct line, from male to male, etc. The Y-DNA is passed down unchanged from father to son.
- A Y-DNA test can **only be taken by male test subjects** since females do not have a Y chromosome in their DNA.
- Females who want to test direct paternal lineage should seek out a male relative such as their father, a brother, etc. for DNA testing.
- The following vendors offer mtDNA tests: [Family Tree DNA](#) and [Living DNA](#) (combined with autosomal and mtDNA).

### What Are Your DNA Research Goals?



Selecting the best DNA test kit for genealogy research depends on your research goals.

- Are you confirming your own ancestry or ethnic background?
- Are you trying to determine the ancestry or ethnic background of another person?
- Are you trying to confirm a relationship between two people?
- Are you trying to confirm a family story, such as “We came from Poland according to . . .”
- Are you trying to prove a genealogy theory with an absence of records?

- Are you trying to locate birth parents or siblings?
- Are you trying to determine inherited traits and medical conditions?



## Other Factors in Choosing a DNA Test Kit



Besides the type of DNA test and the research goals, there are practical considerations to review in terms of administering a DNA test.

### Age of Person Being Tested

- DNA test kits use either the saliva collection method (aka “spit test”) or the cheek swab collection method (aka “swab test”). Keep in mind that many older relatives may have trouble producing enough saliva, so a swab test might be easier for them.

### Medical Conditions and DNA Testing

- It is recommended that chemo patients wait six months until taking a DNA test.
- If you are taking antibiotics for an infection, wait until you have recovered before taking a DNA test.
- Some DNA test vendors, such as [Family Tree DNA](#), allow you to contact them before purchasing a test to see if the condition will impact the test results such as “known genetic disorders, bone marrow transplants, and/or facial reconstruction with donor skin grafts in the mouth.”
- The saliva collection method gathers DNA from cells that are mostly white blood cells; the swab method collects DNA from epithelial cells.

# DNA Testing Companies - Is There a Difference?



Believe it or not there **IS** a difference when it comes to companies who sell DNA test kits. The most important factor: what type of support are you given as a customer and what options are you provided once the DNA test results are received?

## How large is the company's DNA test database?

- A larger database of testers means improved chances for finding matches with others.
- Currently, [AncestryDNA](#) has the largest database of tested users with over 8 million.

## How long has the company been in business?

- Be wary of new DNA testing companies or “fly-by-night” companies that offer DNA test kits at very low prices. Most of these products are not accurate nor are they useful for genealogy and family history research.
- While a company's DNA products may be new, most of the highly rated DNA testing companies have been in business for many years, mainly as genealogy-related companies.

## Does the DNA testing company provide matching with other testers?

- Most DNA testing companies have a way for you to match with other DNA testers and exchange information, based on permission levels. Some companies may charge for this feature.

## What are the DNA testing company's privacy policies?

- Take time to read the DNA testing company's policies on privacy as well as the **Terms of Service** (TOS) or **Terms and Conditions**. These policies dictate not only what you as a consumer can do with the resulting data from a DNA test kit, but also what the company can do. Some testing companies sell the "metadata" to third-party vendors for research purposes.
- Check the DNA testing company's site for the term "informed consent" and review the informed consent policy. Click here for the current AncestryDNA informed consent policy.

## Do you need to buy a subscription with the DNA testing company?

- You may need to purchase a monthly or yearly subscription to the DNA testing company's genealogy or matching platform in order to get the best results in terms of matching with other DNA testers.

## Can you export your DNA data?

- Some DNA testing companies **do not allow you to download** the raw DNA test data. Without this feature, your genealogical research options are limited as you cannot import your data to other DNA company platforms or use sites such as [GEDmatch](#).

## Can you import your DNA data from another company?

- Conversely, some DNA companies like [AncestryDNA](#) and [23andMe](#) do not allow you to upload your raw DNA test data. Again, this reduces the chances of finding matches with other DNA testers.

## Should I Buy Now or Wait for a Sale?



In the United States, there are the usual “sale periods” based on historic pricing information:

- **January:** 1st week, New Year
- **February:** 2nd week, Valentine’s Day
- **March:** all month, Irish Heritage Month
- **April:** last two weeks, National DNA Day on April 25th
- **May:** 1st – 2nd week, Mother’s Day
- **June:** 2nd – 3rd week, Father’s Day
- **July:** July 11th – Amazon Prime Day
- **August:** all month, Summer Sale at Family Tree DNA
- **September:** none
- **October:** all month, Family History Month
- **November:** all month, Black Friday (Friday after Thanksgiving) and Cyber Monday (last Monday of November)
- **December:** all month up to December 23rd – Christmas Sale; 26th – 31st, Boxing Day and After-Christmas Sale

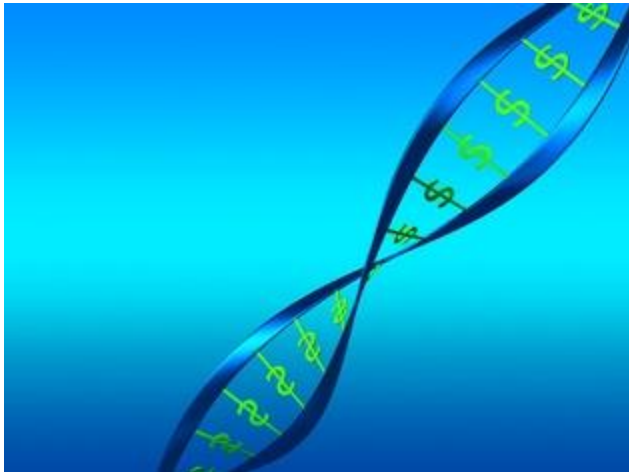
Of course, there could be a special or a flash sale at any time. Always check with [DNA Bargains](#) for the latest specials and promo codes.

### Recommendations on When to Buy Your DNA Test

- **Do not purchase AncestryDNA when priced above \$79 USD.** Ancestry usually reserves its better prices to run National DNA Day (April 25th) or Black Friday weekend (Friday after Thanksgiving) with the steepest discount on Cyber Monday (last Monday in November). As a rule there is a **FREESHIPDNA** coupon that offers free shipping, but it has restrictions, including not being valid during a sale OR only valid for the 1st test kit in a multiple kit order. The lowest price historically for AncestryDNA has been Cyber Monday (\$54.99 USD via Amazon) and in-person at genealogy conferences (\$49 USD each, limit 10, at RootsTech 2017). Keep in mind that AncestryDNA is the best-selling test and the “big muscle” in the DNA genealogy industry. They can even make a killing during the holiday shopping season with a \$69 USD base price. Click [HERE](#) to purchase AncestryDNA.

- **Purchase Family Tree DNA tests during their Summer Sale and Holiday Sale.** The Family Tree DNA Summer Sale runs all during the month of August. The Holiday Sale at Family Tree DNA usually runs from November 15th through December 31st. Watch for lowest prices of the year starting on Black Friday through to Cyber Monday. The lowest price historically for the Family Finder test has been \$49 USD during Black Friday/Cyber Monday weekend. Click [HERE](#) to purchase Family Tree DNA.
- **23andMe Ancestry Service + Health is RARELY on sale!** For the most part, 23andMe falls in line with the other large DNA testing companies with periodic sales. The Ancestry Service + Health test is normally \$199 USD and is usually 50% off on only three days during the year: National DNA Day (April 25th), Amazon Prime Day (July 11th) and Black Friday . . . and only on Amazon for Amazon Prime members. The lowest price historically for the 23andMe Ancestry Service test has been \$49 USD during Black Friday weekend, with a minimum purchase of two test kits. And for the Ancestry Service + Health test, \$99 USD on Amazon Prime Day and Black Friday. Click [HERE](#) to purchase 23andMe.
- **MyHeritage DNA is almost always on sale.** Over the past year there has been a constant sale on the MyHeritage DNA test kit, with prices between \$59 USD and \$75 USD, compared to the \$99 USD regular price. Occasionally MyHeritage will offer shipping incentives such as “buy 2 get half-priced shipping” and “buy 3 or more and get free shipping. The lowest price historically for MyHeritage DNA has been \$49 USD during Black Friday/Cyber Monday weekend. Click [HERE](#) to purchase MyHeritage DNA.
- **Purchase Living DNA during National DNA Day or Black Friday/Cyber Monday Sales.** Regularly \$159 USD, the Living DNA test kit (which is actually a great bargain since it is three different DNA tests: autosomal, mtDNA and Y-DNA) is usually on sale around April 25th and then around the end of November. The lowest price historically for Living DNA has been \$79 USD. Click [HERE](#) to purchase Living DNA.
- **Amazon Prime Members get FREE SHIPPING.** If you have an Amazon Prime Membership, many of the sale prices above are also available on Amazon. It might be a better deal to use Amazon since you can even get FREE ONE DAY SHIPPING in some areas. Click [HERE](#) to shop for DNA test kits on Amazon.

## Which is the Best DNA Test Kit to Purchase?



Again, each person has specific needs when it comes to DNA testing and there are many factors to consider. Here is the recommended strategy for different types of consumers:

- **Anyone interested in family history should purchase an Ancestry DNA test.** With over 8 million users available for matching, Ancestry is the best-selling DNA test kit. More importantly, you cannot upload DNA test data from other programs to Ancestry, so you will need to use their site for matching. You can, however, *download* the AncestryDNA test data and upload it to other sites such as MyHeritage, Family Tree DNA and Living DNA.
- **Purchase advanced tests at Family Tree DNA.** This is a “no brainer” since Family Tree DNA really is the only vendor selling specific types of tests for multiple markers. Remember to check your testing needs! Some of the tests such as Y-37, Y-67 and Y-111 are intended for male testing subjects ONLY - make sure you do not waste your money on a test you cannot use!
- **Family Tree DNA and MyHeritage use the same lab - which to choose?** Both tests are often on sale at the same time and at the same price. MyHeritage DNA tends to have better shipping deals and once a test is taken, results can arrive in as soon as three weeks. And, yes, both tests do, in fact, get processed at the same lab. Family Tree DNA and MyHeritage DNA provide basic matching services to DNA testers. Family Tree DNA currently charges a \$19 USD fee to get added features (including Chromosome Browser, myOrigins, and ancientOrigins) if you want to upload DNA test data from another vendor. MyHeritage does not charge to upload outside DNA test results. MyHeritage is a better choice if your ethnic background is euro-centric since many of its users are based in Europe and you will find better matches at MyHeritage.

- **If you are testing older relatives, go with a swab test not a spit test.** Your best bet is to avoid Ancestry DNA, which uses a spit test since many older people have trouble producing enough saliva for the test. Use Family Tree DNA as well as MyHeritage DNA, which require two swab samples, and keep one on file for future use.
- **If you have British ancestry, you should purchase Living DNA.** Living DNA is the only DNA test vendor showing a detailed breakdown of British heritage. Note: Living DNA does not currently provide a “matching” list with other users, but they have stated this feature will be added in the future. Click [HERE](#) to purchase Living DNA (US) and click [HERE](#) to purchase Living DNA (UK).
- **If you are purchasing in bulk, use MyHeritage.** Although Family Tree DNA and 23andMe are competitively priced and are perfect for family reunions, keep in mind that MyHeritage often has a free shipping incentive.
- **Remember to do your homework!** When it comes to shopping smart and getting the most value out of a DNA test kit for genealogy and family history research. ALWAYS visit **DNA Bargains** at <https://dnabargains.com> for the latest deals BEFORE you click that checkout button!

# Downloading and Uploading Your DNA Test Data

So you've taken a DNA test from one of the major DNA testing companies that offer services for genealogy and family history research. What should you do once you receive your results? Here's how to set up an action plan for downloading your DNA test data and then selecting another platform to which you can upload that same data:

## DNA Test Data Action Plan

1. Download DNA Test Data in .zip file format.
2. Backup DNA Test Data file.
3. Review DNA testing sites that allow DNA Test Data uploads. Also read Terms & Conditions and understand a) what you can do with your data on their site; b) what they can do with your data on their site; and c) if there is a fee for uploading data.
4. Align selection of upload sites with your genealogy and DNA research goals.
5. Upload DNA Test Data to sites. Determine if there is a waiting period before results are available and check notification settings.

## Downloading Your DNA Test Data

Contrary to erroneous news article you may have seen as to “who” owns your DNA, the fact is that you own the DNA test data once you've taken a DNA test and have been notified that results are ready for you to view. So the first thing you should do is go to the DNA testing website, login, and then figure out how to download the data.

### 23andMe

**Accessing Your Raw Data:** You can access your raw genetic data within your 23andMe account one of two ways:

1. Navigate directly to <https://you.23andme.com/tools/data/>
2. Click on **Tools** in the navigation bar at the top of your homepage, and select **Browse Raw Data** from the available tools.

The main view of the Browse Raw Data feature shows the same pictorial representation of each chromosome—including a Y chromosome—for all users. It is important to note that except in rare genetic cases, women do not inherit a Y chromosome and will see “not determined” for markers found on the Y chromosome.

**Downloading Your Raw Data:** To download your raw data, click on the **Download** tab from within the top navigation bar within the **Browse Raw Data** tool and scroll down until you see the "Submit request" button. You will receive an email to the email address associated with your 23andMe account when your raw data download file is ready. Typically files are ready within 1 hour.



Click [HERE](#) for information from the 23andMe website about accessing your 23andMe DNA test data.

### **Ancestry**

**Accessing Your Raw Data:** Here is how to download your Ancestry DNA test data:

1. Sign in to your Ancestry account.
2. Click the DNA tab and select **Your DNA Results Summary**.
3. Click **Settings** on the right side of the page.
4. Click **Download Raw DNA Data** on the right side of the page.
5. Enter your password and click **Confirm**. This will trigger an email containing a link to confirm the download. The link will expire after seven days. If the email is deleted or never arrives, please restart the process.
6. Open the email and click **Confirm Data Download**.
7. Click **Download Raw DNA Data**.
8. The file will be downloaded to your computer.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Ancestry website about accessing your Ancestry DNA test data.

### **Family Tree DNA**

**Accessing Your Raw Data:** Here is how to download your Family Tree DNA test data:

1. Sign in to your myFTDNA account.
2. On the menu bar, click **myFTDNA > MyDNA > Family Finder > Download Raw Data**.
3. Click on the data and build you wish to download.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Family Tree DNA website about accessing your Family Finder DNA test data.

### **Living DNA**

**Accessing Your Raw Data:** Here is how to download your Living DNA test data:

“Our first principle is that you are in control of your DNA data. If your results have been uploaded to your portal, we have therefore given you the ability to download that data in TXT format for autosomal markers and CSV format for mt and Y positive markers.”

1. Log-in to your Living DNA portal and choose **View Test**.
2. Then in the left-hand menu you will see **Download Raw Data**.

3. Clicking on this will give you some background information about your Living DNA raw data. We will then ask you to agree that you understand this information and the implications of downloading your raw data. A copy of this disclaimer is available [here](#).
4. Only after ticking the box will your download links be revealed.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Living DNA website about accessing your Living DNA test data.

### **MyHeritage**

**Accessing Your Raw Data:** Here is how to download your MyHeritage DNA test data:

1. Hover over the DNA tab and go to **Manage DNA kits**.
2. On the right hand side of the MyHeritage kit, click on the three dots and choose **Download**.
3. A window will pop up with information on what you are about to download. Click **Continue**.
4. In the next popup you will be asked to accept the **MyHeritage Terms of Service** and the **Privacy Policy**, then click **Continue**.
5. An email with instructions will be sent to your registered email address.
6. Find this email in your mailbox and click on the download link. Important: The link is only valid for 24 hours. If you haven't used the link within 24 hours, you will need to start the process again from step 1.
7. Once you clicked on the download link, you will be redirected to the MyHeritage site. Enter your password and click the **Download** button.
8. The file will be downloaded to your computer.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the MyHeritage website about accessing your MyHeritage DNA test data.

### **Uploading Your DNA Test Data**

Here is a table listing each of the five major DNA testing companies and how they handle import of DNA test data:

Company	Allows		Living					
	Import?	Fee?	23andMe	Ancestry	FTDNA	DNA	MyHeritage	Other
23andMe	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Ancestry	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Family Tree DNA	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	n/a	No	Yes	Geno 2.0**
Living DNA	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes	
MyHeritage	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	n/a	

\* Only partial access for free; \$19 USD fee allows access to Chromosome Browser, myOrigins, and ancientOrigins; however, uploading MyHeritage DNA results allows full access at no charge

\*\* Also known as Next Generation Genographic or National Geographic DNA

### **23andMe**

At this time, 23andMe does not allow users to import DNA test data from other DNA testing companies.

### **Ancestry**

At this time, Ancestry does not allow users to import DNA test data from other DNA testing companies.

### **Family Tree DNA**

Family Tree DNA accepts DNA test data from 23andMe, Ancestry, Geno 2.0, and MyHeritage. **Note:** Family Tree DNA uses a “freemium” model for transferring DNA test data to its database and only accepts autosomal DNA test data uploads. For free, “you will receive a list of your autosomal matches from our database and have access to our Family Finder - Matrix. The Matrix feature allows you to select and compare the autosomal DNA relationship between up to ten of your matches at one time.” For \$19 USD, “After transferring, you can unlock all Family Finder features, which include the Chromosome Browser, myOrigins, and ancientOrigins for only \$19.” In addition, if you transfer MyHeritage DNA test data, there is NO CHARGE for the extra features.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Family Tree DNA website about uploading your DNA test data to Family Tree DNA.

### **Living DNA**

As of January 2018, Living DNA accepts DNA test data from 23andMe, Ancestry, Family Tree DNA, and MyHeritage. Access to matches and the DNA database is promised to me available around August 2018. At this time, it is unknown if there will be full access or if Living DNA will follow a freemium model similar to Family Tree DNA.

See ***One Family One World Project with Living DNA – Upload Your DNA Data for FREE via DNA Bargains*** (<https://dnabargains.com/one-family-one-world-project-with-living-dna-upload-your-dna-data-for-free/>).

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Living DNA website about uploading your DNA test data to Living DNA.

### **MyHeritage**

MyHeritage accepts DNA test data from 23andMe, Ancestry, and Family Tree DNA free of charge. Once uploaded you will be able to see your Ethnicity Estimate and DNA Matches with other MyHeritage users.

See ***Another Reason to Upload Your DNA Test Data to MyHeritage . . . FREE Chromosome Browser!*** (<https://dnabargains.com/myheritage-dna-quietly-rolls-new-chromosome-browser/>).

Click [HERE](#) for information from the MyHeritage website about uploading your DNA test data to MyHeritage.

# Resource List



## DNA Websites

- **DNA Bargains**  
<https://dnabargains.com>
- **23andMe**  
<https://dnabargains.com/23andmeoffer>
- **AncestryDNA**  
<https://dnabargains.com/ancestrydnaoffer>
- **Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy**  
<http://www.forensicgenealogists.org/>
- **DNA Hunters LLC**  
<http://dnahunters.com/>
- **Family Tree DNA**  
<https://dnabargains.com/familytreednaoffer>
- **International Society of Genetic Genealogy**  
<https://isogg.org/>
- **MyHeritage DNA**  
<https://dnabargains.com/myheritageoffer>
- **National Human Genome Research Institute**  
<https://www.genome.gov/10506367/national-dna-day/>



## DNA and Genetic Genealogy Blogs

- **23andMe Blog**  
<https://blog.23andme.com/>
- **AncestryDNA Blog**  
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/category/dna/>
- **Cruwys News**  
<https://cruwys.blogspot.com/>
- **Deb's Delvings in Genealogy**  
<http://debsdelvings.blogspot.com/>
- **DNA – Genealem's Genetic Genealogy**  
<http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com/>
- **DNAExplained – Genetic Genealogy**  
<https://dna-explained.com/>
- **Find My Family Magazine**  
<http://findmyfamilymagazine.com/>
- **Haplogroup**  
<http://haplogroup.org/>
- **Historical Melungeons**  
<http://historical-melungeons.blogspot.com/>
- **Kitty Cooper's Blog**  
<http://blog.kittycooper.com/>
- **Living DNA Blog**  
<https://www.livingdna.com/en-us/blog>
- **MyHeritage DNA Blog**  
<https://blog.myheritage.com/tag/myheritage-dna/>
- **Native Heritage Project**  
<https://nativeheritageproject.com/>
- **On-Line Journal of Genetics and Genealogy**  
<http://jgg-online.blogspot.com/>

- **Scottish DNA Project Blog**  
<http://scottishdna.blogspot.com/>
- **The Genetic Genealogist**  
<http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/>
- **Your Genetic Genealogist**  
<http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/>



*Autosomal DNA, X-DNA, haplogroups, centimorgans . . . while DNA testing is becoming more popular especially for genealogy and family history research, you need to understand the terminology and best methods to get results!*

**Don't waste money on the wrong DNA test!**  
Information you need to get the most out of your DNA test data

**Mary Eberle, JD**

## DNA Ebooks

- **23 Best Tips for DNA Testing and Family History – Amazon Kindle**  
<https://dnabargains.com/23tips-kindle>
- **23 Best Tips for DNA Testing and Family History – PDF**  
<https://dnabargains.com/23tips-pdf>
- **Amazon DNA Books**  
<https://dnabargains.com/amazondnabooks>
- **DNA Q and A: Real Questions from Real People about Genetic Genealogy**  
<https://dnabargains.com/fhf-dna-kindle>
- **Family Tree Magazine – Genetic Genealogy Books**  
<https://dnabargains.com/familytreemagazine-dna>
- **Which DNA Test Is Right For Me? – Family Tree University**  
<https://dnabargains.com/ftm-whichdnatest>



## DNA Social Media Resources

### *Facebook DNA Resources\**

- **23andme**  
<http://www.facebook.com/23andMe/>
- **Adoption & DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/adoptiondna>
- **African Ancestry DNA Project**  
<http://www.facebook.com/AfricanAncestryProject>
- **Ancestry**  
<http://www.facebook.com/AncestryUS/>
- **AncestryDNA Matching**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/407494112747727>
- **Autosomal DNA-Gedmatch-FTDNA-23andME-Ancestry.com**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/413770235446147>
- **Cornell University Genetic Ancestry Project**  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornell-University-Genetic-AncestryProject/184242998301460>
- **Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy**  
<http://www.facebook.com/CouncilForTheAdvancementOfForensicGenealogy>
- **DNA Bargains**  
<https://www.facebook.com/dnabargains/>
- **DNA Detectives**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/DNADetectives>
- **DNA Do-Over**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dnadoover/>



- **DNA for Dummies**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/393020010880660>
- **DNA for Genealogy**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/dna4genealogy>
- **DNA Learning Center**  
<http://www.facebook.com/dolandnlearningcenter>
- **Family Tree DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/FamilyTreeDNA/>
- **French DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/144224445773515>
- **Full Genomes Y Sequencing (Group)**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/fullgenomesY>
- **GEDMatch Genealogy & Ancestry Group**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/770288949652854>
- **Genetic Genealogist**  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Genetic-Genealogist/8054682644>
- **German Language Area DNA Research Project**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/germanydna>
- **Irish DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/329021130499449>
- **Living DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/livingdna/>
- **MyHeritage**  
<http://www.facebook.com/myheritage/>
- **Norway DNA Project**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/NorwayDNA>
- **Polish Autosomal DNA**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/polishdna>
- **Scottish DNA Project**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/7856057820>
- **Sweden DNA Ancestry**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/dnaanor>

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## **Twitter DNA Resources**

- **23andme**  
<http://twitter.com/23andMe>
- **Ancestry**  
<http://twitter.com/ancestry>
- **Emily Aulicino**  
<http://twitter.com/Genealem>
- **Blaine Bettinger**  
[http://twitter.com/blaine\\_5](http://twitter.com/blaine_5)
- **Shannon Christmas**  
<http://twitter.com/ShannonXmas>
- **Kitty Cooper**  
<http://twitter.com/kittymcooper>
- **Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy**  
[http://twitter.com/cafg\\_forensic](http://twitter.com/cafg_forensic)
- **Roberta Estes**  
<http://twitter.com/RobertaJEstes>
- **Family Tree DNA**  
<http://twitter.com/familytreedna>
- **Colleen Fitzpatrick**  
<http://twitter.com/Identifinders>
- **Richard Hill**  
<http://twitter.com/RichardHillDNA>
- **International Society of Genetic Genealogists**  
<http://twitter.com/isogg>
- **Debbie Kennett**  
<http://twitter.com/DebbieKennett>
- **Living DNA**  
[http://twitter.com/Living\\_DNA](http://twitter.com/Living_DNA)
- **MyHeritage**  
<http://twitter.com/MyHeritage>
- **National DNA Day**  
<http://twitter.com/DNAday>
- **OmegaDNA**  
[http://twitter.com/Omega\\_DNA](http://twitter.com/Omega_DNA)
- **Diahann Southard**  
<http://twitter.com/DNAdiahann>

### ***Pinterest DNA Resources***

- **23andme**  
<http://www.pinterest.com/23andme/>
- **AncestryDNA – Ancestry**  
<http://www.pinterest.com/ancestrycom/ancestrydna/>
- **DNA Genealogy – Abundant Genealogy**  
<https://www.pinterest.com/abundantgenealogy/dna-genealogy/>
- **Family Tree DNA**  
<http://www.pinterest.com/familytreedna/>
- **Genetic Genealogy – Blaine Bettinger**  
<http://www.pinterest.com/bettinger/genetic-genealogy/>
- **MyHeritage DNA – MyHeritage**  
<http://www.pinterest.com/myheritagepins/myheritage-dna/>



### **DNA Education**

- **Free DNA Webinars**  
<https://dnabargains.com/free-dna-resources/free-dna-webinars/>

## DNA Bargains



**DNA Bargains** (<https://dnabargains.com>) is a site created to help save you money on DNA test kits and genetic genealogy-related products such as books, webinars and more.

Check out the following features to ALWAYS get the best price on DNA test kits:

- [Which DNA Test Is Best?](#)
- [DNA Coupons](#)
- [DNA Store](#) (23andMe, AncestryDNA and others)
- [Free DNA Resources](#)
- [DNA Education](#)
- [DNA Contests](#)

In addition, you can get the [best advice](#) on which DNA test to use and which DNA testing company is best suited to your needs.

# DNA Boot Camps

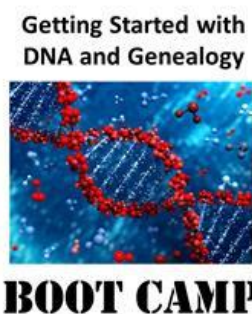
## DNA BOOT CAMP



Author and genetic expert Mary Eberle has created a series of on-line “boot camps” covering a variety of DNA and genetic genealogy topics. Each digital download includes two recorded webinars (90 minutes each) plus syllabus materials all at a reasonable price.

For more information please visit the **DNA Boot Camp Digital Downloads** section of the **Hack Genealogy** website at <http://hackgenealogy.com/dna-boot-camp-digital-downloads/>.

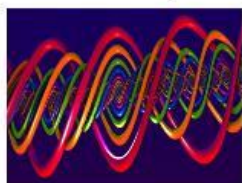
### Getting Started with DNA and Genealogy Boot Camp



- **Introduction to Using DNA for Genealogy Research:** Want to start using DNA for genealogy research but want guidance on the best approach? Received your DNA results and want a better understanding of them? This talk covers DNA basics, available tests, where to test, and how to develop your DNA testing plan.
- **Using Autosomal DNA for Genealogy Research:** Autosomal DNA (atDNA) provides the most useful information for most genealogists. Learn how to analyze your atDNA test results and how to find common ancestors with your DNA matches.

## Additional DNA Tools and Concepts Boot Camp

Additional DNA Tools  
and Concepts



### **BOOT CAMP**

- ***GEDMatch – Powerful Tools for Analyzing DNA Results and Finding New DNA Matches:*** GEDMatch is a free, third-party website offering additional tools to interpret your DNA results. Tools include a chromosome browser. GEDMatch accepts DNA test results from Ancestry, Family Tree DNA, and 23andMe. It can be a great way to find new matches. Learn how to use this helpful website.
- ***Using Y-DNA, Mitochondrial DNA, and X-DNA for Genealogy Research:*** Understanding when these types of DNA can help (and when they won't) is crucial. Learn how these types of DNA can be used to answer your genealogy questions.

## Interpreting Your AncestryDNA Results Boot Camp

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AncestryDNA Results



### **BOOT CAMP**

- ***AncestryDNA:*** AncestryDNA has the largest database of people tested, helpful tools for analyzing your DNA test results, and many family trees posted by people who've tested. Learn how to interpret your DNA results from Ancestry.
- ***Ancestry DNA Hands-on Exercise:*** In this hands-on exercise, we'll go through steps to sort through your matches and makes sense out of them. We'll also discuss the best way to approach your matches to set the stage for developing a productive relationship with them.

## Interpreting Your FTDNA and 23andMe Results Boot Camp



### **BOOT CAMP**

- **Family Tree DNA:** Learn how to navigate your Family Tree DNA results both on the Family Tree DNA website. This webinar will also provide an overview of the third-party tool, DNAGedcom, and how to use it to analyze your Family Tree DNA results.
- **23andMe:** Learn how to best use your 23andMe results. This webinar covers both the genealogy portion and the health information that 23andMe provides.

## Solving Family Mysteries with DNA Boot Camp

Solving Family Mysteries with DNA



### **BOOT CAMP**

- **Mirror Trees:** Mirror trees are trees built based on matches' trees. They're often used in unknown parentage cases. However, they're also helpful for breaking down brick walls further back in your tree and determining how your matches are related to each other and to you. Learn how to build and use mirror trees.
- **Best Tools for Researching Difficult DNA Matches:** Have a really strong DNA match, but that the person doesn't even have a name, let alone a tree? This webinar covers both free and subscription-based websites to help your detective work. It also covers the clues that can be used to figure out who matches are, where they're from, and other important information. These new insights into your mystery can help you figure out your connection to them and place them in your family tree.

## Finding Birth Families Using DNA Boot Camp

### Finding Birth Families Using DNA



## **BOOT CAMP**

- ***Using DNA for Adoption & Unknown Parentage Work:*** In many states, adoptees have no or limited rights to information on their birth families. This is why DNA is important for many adoptees looking for their birth families. Learn techniques and resources for adoptees and others with unknown parents.
- ***Adoption & Unknown Parentage Case Studies:*** This webinar describes two case studies of adoptees. Both used DNA to find their birth families. Learn the steps required for each case.



# DNA Buying Guide

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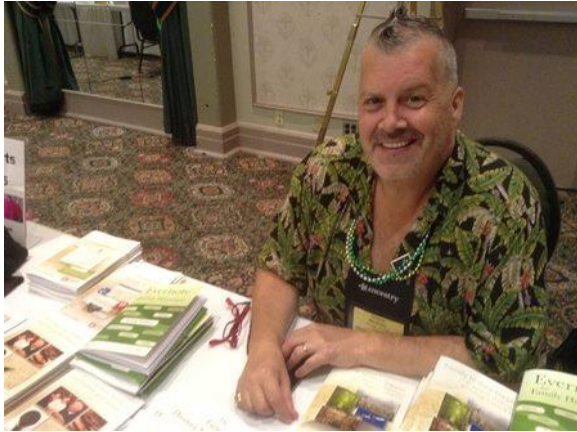
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