



## Veterinary Laboratory Services Post-Mortem Examination

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		Path. Lab. No.	
		Received	
		Necropsy Date	
		Interval between death & Necropsy	
Owner Name		Veterinary Surgeon	
Animal Name	Hosp No.	Practice Name and Address    Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____	
Species	Age		
Breed	Sex		
Bodyweight (Kg)			
Date & time of death / euthanasia*			
* delete as appropriate		Invoice Address (if different from above) <i>(Please note, we cannot invoice owners directly)</i>	
Retain body for private cremation?  YES / NO (please circle) <i>Please see page 2 of this submission form for full procedure regarding arranging private cremation.</i>		Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____	
Clinical Features (including treatment)			
Differential Diagnosis / Clinical Impression			

## SUBMITTING A CASE FOR PME

Once you have received authorisation to submit to us, we can accept cases between 9am—4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am—3pm Friday.

Please note we do not offer a courier service. Arranging transportation of bodies is the responsibility of the referring Veterinary Practice.

Under no circumstances can we take calls or queries directly from Owners.

In most cases, you should expect to receive a preliminary report within 2 weeks from the date of submission. A final report should be issued within 4-6 weeks for a standard PM and within 8 weeks for a forensic PM.

## PRIVATE CREMATION PROCEDURES

### SMALL ANIMAL SUBMISSIONS

It is the responsibility of the referring veterinary practice to make all arrangements for private cremation. Bodies can only be released to a private cremation / private burial service and never to the owner directly. Please see table below for further clarification:

<b>Case Submitted for PM</b>	<b>Between 7 working days after submission and a maximum of 14 working days from submission</b>	<b>After 14 working days from date of submission</b>
Body held by us for 5 working days to carry out PME and preliminary tests	Body must be collected by the cremation service (arranged by the referring vet). Once you have booked collection, please let us know which company will be collecting and when.	Bodies that have not been collected for private cremation are sent for routine disposal. Please note the cost of disposal is included in the post mortem charge.

### LARGE ANIMAL SUBMISSIONS (EG EQUINE CASES)

It is the responsibility of the referring veterinary practice to make all arrangements for private cremation. Bodies can only be released to a private cremation / private burial service and never to the owner directly. Please see table below for further clarification:

<b>Large animal case submitted for PM</b>	<b>Following post mortem examination</b>	<b>After 2 working days from date of submission</b>
Body held by us for 2 working days to carry out PME and preliminary tests.	For cases that have been submitted with private cremation requests, registered cremation service will be contacted to collect.	Cases in which private cremation has not been requested are sent for routine disposal and the disposal charge will be added to the invoice.

**AGREEMENT TO A POST MORTEM EXAMINATION**

Name of Owner: ..... Address: .....

Species: ..... Breed: .....

Age: ..... Sex: ..... Name: .....

Referring V/S/Clinician: ..... Hospital No:..... PM No: .....

**I acknowledge by signing this agreement form I have read, understood and agree to the policies and procedures.**

I agree to a post-mortem examination being carried out in order to find the cause of death and to investigate the underlying disease. I understand that the examination may involve tissue samples or fluids being taken and used for further investigations and that specimens may be used for veterinary education and research to improve our knowledge and understanding of veterinary disease.

I am the owner: the conditions relating to the release of the body tissues and organs have been explained to me.

I am aware that the University does not conduct cosmetic post mortems and have taken this into consideration before providing consent.

Signed (Owner)..... Date.....

I am acting on the owner's behalf and confirm that the owner has given their permission

The conditions relating to the release of the body tissues and organs have been explained to the owner.

We are aware that the University does not conduct cosmetic post mortems and have explained this to the owner.

I am aware that when referring a case for post mortem, the client relationship is solely between the University and the referring Vet Practice. This includes all stages of communication, reporting and billing.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

(Owner's agent or Clinician)

**Please note:**

**Further information on post mortem procedures is available on request.**

**If clinicians wish to limit the extent of the examination and the sampling of tissues, they may discuss this with the pathologists, as it may reduce the amount of information obtained from the investigation.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORT OF BODIES TO US UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF THIS FORM. ACCEPTANCE IS SUBJECT TO CAPACITY AND AGREEMENT OF THE DUTY PATHOLOGIST.**