



Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System

Dog and Cat Necropsy Release Form

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(PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR AVAILABILITY)

Accession #:

(For Lab Use Only)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Necropsy Fee Paid By:  Owner  Veterinarian  Other

<b>Veterinarian:</b> Clinic Address City, state, zip Phone Fax Email	<b>Owner:</b> Address City, state, zip Phone Fax Email
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Animal Information:				
Animal ID	Species	Breed	Age	Sex

Has the animal bitten anyone in the 10 days prior to its death?  No  Yes  Don't Know

**Necropsy Requirements:**

- Work on agricultural species has priority, and each PADLS laboratory reserves the right to provide necropsy services for cats and dogs only when resources allow. Clients must call ahead for availability.
- Dogs and cats are received for necropsy only through a referring veterinarian.
- Before the animal is accepted and the necropsy is performed, the veterinarian must supply a complete history.
- All correspondence pertaining to the case will be conducted only through the referring veterinarian.
- In cases of advanced autolysis, a necropsy will not be performed.
- No cosmetic necropsies will be performed.
- Due to biosecurity concerns, remains will be returned to the owner or referring veterinarian at the discretion of the laboratory performing the necropsy. Discuss with individual laboratory to determine if return of remains is possible.
- The basic necropsy fee (\$415.00 for in-state cases, \$515.00 for out-of-state cases) includes gross and histological examination (excluding spinal cord). This basic fee must be submitted before the necropsy will be performed. Examination of the spinal cord and other ancillary tests will incur additional fees. All fees will be the responsibility of the owner or veterinarian as agreed to by all parties. The basic fee for microscopic examination of tissues obtained from a dog or cat field necropsy is \$135.00 for in-state cases and \$235.00 for out-of-state cases. All fees include a \$15.00 accession fee. Other ancillary tests will incur additional fees. All fees will be the responsibility of the owner or veterinarian as agreed to by all parties. A minimum pathologist fee of \$200.00/hour will be assessed in legal cases for case preparation, depositions, court appearances and other legal requirements.
- The pathologist remains the coordinator in charge of the case. Selection of ancillary tests is in consultation with the referring veterinarian, but the pathologist has the authority for selecting and for limiting the array of diagnostic tests.

**By signing below, the owner and referring veterinarian agree to the necropsy requirements described above.**

Signature of Owner	Date:
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Signature of Referring Veterinarian	Date:
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If there is no signature of the referring veterinarian, verify agreement to PADLS necropsy requirements.		
Spoke with:	Initials:	Date: