

Cosmetic Necropsies, Animal Remains, Cremation and Disposal

Diagnostic Services does not offer cosmetic post-mortems as the Laboratory cannot return carcasses submitted for post-mortem examination. If the submitting veterinarian wishes to perform a cosmetic post-mortem with tissue collection at their clinic, the Laboratory will do any ancillary testing (e.g. histopathology, microbiology, etc.), and can offer advice on tissue sampling and appropriate tests. If requested, a partial necropsy can be performed on submitted carcasses followed by disposal of the remains.

Following submission of a carcass, the release of any remains is prohibited except for rare wildlife specimens submitted with the appropriate permit(s). The primary reason for this policy is for mitigating the risk of disease transmission from the laboratory or animal tissues to either the owner or the owners' other animals.

For an additional charge, the Laboratory currently offers a private cremation service **only** to clients of the AVC Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Routine disposal of remains is included in the quoted price of necropsy. Disposal service is limited to those animals submitted to diagnostic services for necropsy.