

Pathology (Mammals)

Necropsy:

Necropsy charges are calculated based on animal size / body weight.

Call Lab

Necropsy charges include the gross examination only.

Microbiology, histopathology, virology, toxicology, serology and PCR testing are not included.

Animals must be submitted fresh dead, preferably cooled, but never frozen.

Animals that appear to have advanced postmortem autolysis will not be accepted.

Abortions:

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Abortion cases should include gross examination, microbiology, histopathology, virology and PCR testing on the fetus/placenta and/or paired serology testing on the dam.

Note that most abortion cases remain undiagnosed even after extensive costly testing.

Histopathology:

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Tissues for microscopic examination should be cut into one centimeter sections and submitted in jars of 10% neutral buffered formalin at a ratio of one part tissue to ten parts formalin.

The VDL uses OADDL for histopathology services.

Rabies: Small animals only < 100 pounds

Overnight shipping and disposal costs

Official ADH rabies shipping bucket and shipping box must be included with submission

Brain removal:

Cases requiring removal of the brain and/or sections of the spinal cord are charged an additional fee.

≤ 100 # \$25.00

> 100 # \$50.00

Always call the lab before sending animals for necropsy to confirm a diagnostician is available.

Cases involving potential litigation cannot be accepted by the laboratory.

Insurance cases must be stated and will be evaluated on a case by case basis prior to accepting.

Animals cannot be returned to owners due to public health/safety concerns.

With prior arrangements, animals may be picked up by a cremation service company.