

Post-Mortem Examination Fee Structure

Below details the pricing for our *post-mortem* examination service.

Please read in conjunction with our submission guidelines and always contact the Veterinary Pathology Centre prior to submission.

Fees are the sum of three main factors:

- 1. Post-mortem examination and basic histopathology** based on species and weight - see fees in price tables below.
- 2. Disposal**
 - a) Routine disposal of cadavers is by communal cremation based on the weight of the cadaver and is charged in addition to the fee for *post-mortem* examination. Disposal is charged at:

Animals Under 10kg	£5 per cadaver
Animals over 10kg	£0.50 per kg
 - b) Individual cremations are not offered as part of the service but should be arranged directly with a local pet cremation service. The charge for this will depend upon species, weight and specific requirements for return of ashes and is payable directly to the pet cremation provider.
- 3. Additional testing** such as microbial culture, toxicology, parasitology, etc. may be recommended in some cases. Any additional testing external to the Veterinary Pathology Centre will be charged at cost following approval by the submitting veterinary surgeon.

Central Nervous System Cases

In CNS cases where removal of brain and spinal cord is indicated, a surcharge of £200 will apply in addition to the standard fees. This covers the additional time taken to carry out the *post-mortem* as well as the significantly increased number of histological sections that typically need to be taken and interpreted in such cases.

Litigation Cases

Potential or known legal cases requiring *post-mortem* examination and the preparation of reports for legal purposes will be discussed in advance and costs confirmed prior to submission. Please call for further information.

Zoo & Wildlife Post-Mortem Examination

For non-domestic species from registered zoological institutions, please contact us directly for a quotation. Some species, especially Old World primates, camelids, European badger and some rodents such as capybara and mara may pose potential zoonotic risks that necessitate use of greater containment facilities for *post-mortem* examination. Please contact us for advice in advance. Additional fees will apply in such cases.

Where *post-mortems* of megafauna are carried out as part of a site visit, e.g. stranded whales and dolphins, a fee can be negotiated separately depending on requirements. Please call and speak to us in such circumstances.

Domestic & Exotic Pet *Post-Mortem* Examinations

Species/Group	Prices (ex VAT)				
	Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology				
Cats	≤1kg	>1kg			
	£120	£170			
Dogs	≤5kg	>5-20kg	>20-40kg	>40-60kg	>60kg
	£150	£170	£245	£278	£320
Rabbits & Rodents	Small Rodents e.g. mice, gerbils, hamsters, rats, degus			Rabbits & Larger Rodents e.g. rabbits, cavies, chinchillas	
	£120			£150	
Ferrets & Meerkats	Any				
	£150				
Birds	Small Birds e.g. budgerigars, cockatiels, finches			Larger Birds e.g. amazons, cockatoos, macaws, toucans, raptors	
	£120			£150	
Reptiles	Small Reptiles e.g. geckos, chameleons, small chelonians, snakes ≤0.5m		Medium Reptiles e.g. adult iguanas, monitors, medium chelonians, snakes >0.5-2.0m		Large Reptiles e.g. adult crocodilians, giant chelonians, snakes >2.0m
	£120		£150		£245
Amphibians	All Species				
	£120				
Fish	Small Fish ≤15cm		Medium Fish 15-60cm		Large Fish >60cm
	£100		£120		£195

Livestock & Equine *Post-Mortem* Examination

Species/Group	Prices (ex VAT) Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology			
	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
Horses & Donkeys	£240	£335	£420	£480
	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
Sheep, Goats & Deer	£100	£137	£167	£246
	≤100kg	>100-300kg	>300-500kg	>500kg
Cattle*	£167	£264	£328	£392
	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
Pigs	£100	£137	£167	£246
	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
Camelids** <i>Post mortem</i> carried out in containment level 3	£290	£395	£560	£720
	Small Poultry e.g. pigeons, quail & poults		Medium Poultry e.g. chickens, pheasant, guinea fowl & ducks	Large Poultry e.g. turkeys & geese
Poultry	£70		£90	£135

*Containment Level 3 *post-mortem* may be required in some cases e.g. where there is known or suspected SAPO/notifiable disease. Please contact us for advice in advance. Additional fees will apply in such cases.

** Containment Level 3 *post-mortem* will be required due to the increased prevalence of mycobacterial disease in these species. Weight restrictions may apply. Please contact us for advice in advance.