

Post-Mortem Examination Fee Structure

Our *post-mortem* examination price lists are separated into three categories:

- Domestic & Exotic Pets
- Livestock & Equine
- Zoo & Wildlife

Fees are the sum of three main factors:

1. Post-mortem examination and basic histopathology based on species and weight ranges - 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 may be needed in some but not all cases. Where this is demanded as part of the diagnostic process an additional fee of £25 will be charged. Any additional tests recommended in the initial report will be charged following approval by the submitting veterinary surgeon.

CNS 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.

Domestic & Exotic Pet *Post Mortem* Examinations

Species/Group	Prices <small>(ex VAT)</small>				
	<small>Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology</small>				
Cats	≤1kg	>1kg			
	£100	£145			
Dogs	≤5kg	>5-20kg	>20-40kg	>40-60kg	>60kg
	£145	£170	£237	£278	£320
Rabbits & Rodents	Small Rodents e.g. Mice, Gerbils, Hamsters, Rats, Degus			Rabbits & Larger Rodents e.g. Rabbits, Cavies, Chinchillas	
	£100			£145	
Ferrets & Meerkats	Any				
	£100				
Birds	Small Birds e.g. Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Finches			Larger Birds e.g. Amazons, Cockatoos, Macaws, Toucans, Raptors	
	£100			£145	
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
	£90		£145		£245
Amphibians	All Species				
	£90				
Fish	Small Fish ≤15cm		Medium Fish 15-60cm		Large Fish >60cm
	£90		£115		£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
	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
Camelids**	£100	£137	£167	£246
	Small Poultry e.g. Pigeons, Quail & Poults		Medium Poultry e.g. Chickens, Pheasant, GuineaFowl & 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. Please contact us for advice in advance. Additional charges will apply to all cases.

Zoo & Wildlife *Post Mortem* Examination

This price list is to be used in conjunction with the PM price lists for Domestic and Exotic species and Livestock covering the principal domestic species where applicable e.g. avian, reptilian and fish species and for hoofstock. This list is intended for non-domestic species from registered zoological institutions only.

Species/Group	Prices (ex VAT) Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology			
Artiodactylids*	Various even-toed Ungulates			
	See Livestock Prices (for Giraffe & Hippopotamus >1000kg – see Megafauna)			
Perissodactylids	Various Odd-toed Ungulates			
	See Livestock Prices for Horses (for Rhinoceros >1000kg – see Megafauna)			
Elephants	Asian, African			
	See Livestock Prices for horses (for Elephants >1000kg – see Megafauna)			
Megafauna †	Includes Elephant Hippopotamus Giraffe Rhino and Cetaceans >1000kg			
	>1000-1500kg £710	>1500-2000kg £750	>2000kg Please call	
Carnivores*	Small Carnivores Small Feliforms & Caniforms <100 kg		Large Carnivores Large Feliforms & Caniforms >100 kg	
	See Domestic & Exotic Pet Prices		£385	
Rodents* & Lagomorphs	Rabbits & Rodents		Large Rodents Capybara*, Mara*	
	See Domestic & Exotic Pet Prices		£195	
Primates*	Small Primates Callitrichids, Capuchins Others <10kg	Medium Primates Macaque, Baboon Colobus, Others >10-40kg	Large Primates Great Apes Others >40kg	
	£100	£150	£250	
Cetaceans †	≤50kg	>50-200kg	>200-500kg	>500kg
	£150	£200	£350	See Megafauna
Invertebrates	All Species			
	Please call regarding species and numbers			

*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.