

## 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. A special processing fee may be applicable in certain circumstances- price on application.
- 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: (excluding VAT)

Animals Under 10kg	£6 per cadaver
Animals over 10kg	£0.75 per kg (up to a maximum disposal fee of £400)

- 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 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. Please contact us for a quote in these 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.

Prices Dated June 2022

## Domestic & Exotic Pet *Post-Mortem* Examinations \*

Species/Group	<b>Prices (ex VAT)</b> Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology				
<b>Cats</b>	<b>&lt;1kg</b>		<b>&gt;1kg</b>		
	£150		£200		
<b>Dogs</b>	<b>&lt;5kg</b>	<b>&gt;5-20kg</b>	<b>&gt;20-40kg</b>	<b>&gt;40-60kg</b>	<b>&gt;60kg</b>
	£200	£250	£300	£320	£350
<b>Rabbits &amp; Rodents</b>	<b>Small</b> (up to 300g)	<b>301g - 999g</b>	<b>1kg-5kg</b>		<b>&gt;5kg</b>
	£50	£100	£150		As per dog prices
<b>Ferrets &amp; Meerkats</b>	<b>Any</b>				
	£100				
<b>Birds</b>	<b>Small birds</b> e.g., budgerigars, cockatiels, finches			<b>Large birds</b> e.g., amazons, cockatoos, macaws, toucans, raptors	
	£120			£150	
<b>Reptiles</b>	<b>Small Reptiles</b> e.g., geckos, chameleons, small chelonians, snakes <0.5m		<b>Medium Reptiles</b> e.g., adult iguanas, monitors, medium chelonians, snakes >0.5-2.0m		<b>Large Reptiles</b> e.g., adult crocodilians, giant chelonians, snakes >2m
	£120		£150		£245
<b>Amphibians</b>	<b>All Species</b>				
	£120				
<b>Fish</b>	<b>Small Fish &lt;15cm</b>		<b>Medium Fish 15-60cm</b>		<b>Large fish &gt;60cm</b>
	£100		£120		£195

\*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.

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## Livestock & Equine *Post-Mortem* Examination \*

Species/Group	Prices (ex VAT)			
	Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology			
<b>Horses &amp; Donkeys</b>	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
	£350	£425	£500	£550
<b>Sheep, Goats &amp; Deer</b>	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
	£110	£148	£178	£258
<b>Cattle</b>	≤100kg	>100-300kg	>300-500kg	>500kg
	£179	£276	£340	£420
<b>Pigs</b>	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
	£110	£148	£178	£258
<b>Camelids**</b> <i>Post mortem</i> carried out in containment level 3	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
	£2305	£415	£575	£735
<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Small Poultry</b> e.g. pigeons, quail & poults		<b>Medium Poultry</b> e.g. chickens, pheasant, guinea fowl & ducks	<b>Large Poultry</b> e.g. turkeys & geese
	£73		£94	£140

\*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.

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