

Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System

Dog, Cat, and Small Companion Animal Autopsy Form

Accession #:

Date: _____

<p>Veterinarian or Law Enforcement Officer:</p> <p>Name/Clinic/Agency</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City, state, zip</p> <p>Phone/Fax</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Owner:</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City, state, zip</p> <p>Phone/Fax</p> <p>Email</p>
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Animal Information:				
<u>Animal ID/Name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>

Has the animal bitten in the 10 days prior to its death? Yes No Unknown

Disposal of remains (Check one):

Laboratory Disposition
 Private Cremation (list company)
 Other (Must have Case Coordinator approval)

Company: _____

- **Clients must call for availability prior to submitting** (visit www.padls.org for contact information)
- Work on agricultural species has priority, and each PADLS laboratory reserves the right to provide autopsy services for dogs, cats, and small companion animals only when resources allow.
- Dogs, cats, and small companion animals are received for autopsy only through a referring veterinarian. Non-profit organizations (law enforcement agencies, humane societies, rescuers and rehabilitators with legal non-profit status) are strongly encouraged to supply a veterinarian's name for case records.
- Before the animal is accepted and the autopsy is performed, the veterinarian or law enforcement officer must supply a complete history.
- All correspondence will be conducted only through the referring veterinarian or law enforcement officer.
- In cases of advanced autolysis, an autopsy may not be performed.
- No cosmetic autopsies will be performed.
- Due to biocontainment concerns bodily remains are not returned to owners. Remains may be released to a pet crematory at the request of the client. Cremation services must be arranged by and paid for by the client.
- The basic autopsy fee (\$368 for in-state cases, \$478.40 for out-of-state cases) includes gross and histological examination. Examination of the spinal cord and other ancillary tests will incur additional fees. Bodies >100 pounds may incur an additional \$25.00 disposal fee surcharge. The basic fee for microscopic examination of tissues obtained from a dog or cat field autopsy is \$143.00 for in-state cases and \$185.90 for out-of-state cases. A minimum pathologist fee of \$200.00/hour will be assessed in legal cases for case preparation, depositions, court appearances and other legal requirements.
- An animal autopsy submission form must accompany the submission. All fees will be the responsibility of the owner, veterinarian or non-profit organization as agreed to by all parties and as indicated on the submission form. The autopsy fee must be paid in advance except for organizations with a PADLS billing account.
- Please contact the laboratory regarding fees for submissions from non-profit organizations.
- The pathologist remains the coordinator in charge of the case. Selection of ancillary tests is in consultation with the referring veterinarian, but the pathologist has the authority to select and limit ancillary diagnostic testing.

By signing below, the owner and referring veterinarian agree to the conditions described above.

Signature of Owner	Date:
Signature of Referring Veterinarian/Law Enforcement Officer	Date:

For Lab Use Only:		
If there is no signature of the referring veterinarian or officer, verify agreement to PADLS autopsy requirements.		
Spoke with:	Initials:	Date: