

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 cremation is not offered as part of the service but can be arranged by owners directly with a local pet cremation service. When booking the service, this should include the crematorium company collecting the remains from the VPC. Prices will vary according to the individual requirements of the pet and owner and would be payable directly to the pet crematorium service.
- 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 August 2023

Domestic & Exotic Pet *Post-Mortem* Examinations *

Species/Group	Prices (ex VAT) Includes <i>Post-Mortem</i> Examination + Histopathology				
Cats	<1kg		>1kg		
	£150		£200		
Dogs	<5kg	>5-20kg	>20-40kg	>40-60kg	>60kg
	£200	£250	£300	£320	£350
Rabbits & Rodents	Small (up to 300g)	301g - 999g	1kg-5kg		>5kg
	£50	£100	£150		As per dog prices
Ferrets & Meerkats	Any				
	£100				
Birds	Small birds e.g., budgerigars, cockatiels, finches		Large 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 >2m	
	£120	£150		£245	
Amphibians	All Species				
	£120				
Fish	Small Fish <15cm		Medium Fish 15-60cm		Large fish >60cm
	£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			
Horses & Donkeys	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
	£350	£425	£500	£550
Sheep, Goats & Deer	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
	£110	£148	£178	£258
Cattle	≤100kg	>100-300kg	>300-500kg	>500kg
	£179	£276	£340	£420
Pigs	≤10kg	>10-50kg	>50-100kg	>100kg
	£110	£148	£178	£258
Camelids** <i>Post mortem</i> carried out in containment level 3	≤50kg	50-250kg	>250-500kg	>500kg
	£305	£415	£575	£735
Poultry	Small Poultry e.g. pigeons, quail & poults		Medium Poultry e.g. chickens, pheasant, guinea fowl & ducks	Large Poultry e.g. turkeys & geese
	£73		£94	£140

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** 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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