

University of Nottingham Veterinary Pathology Service

How to submit a case for post-mortem

Storage - Where possible, please store the body in the fridge (freezing can cause significant changes in the tissues).

Discuss with the owner - Discuss prices and cremation choice with the owner – Our price list is attached and available on the website (see below). We provide a routine cremation (no ashes returned) at no extra cost. If the owner would like a private cremation, please contact the chosen company and provide details to us on our submission form. Some owners may request a paw print; if your practice can't facilitate this, we can take this before post-mortem (unfortunately, we are unable to take them after the post-mortem is complete).

Submission - Call us on 0781 353 7686 to submit the case or for further questions – It is important to call us first to ensure that we can accommodate the post-mortem. Once we have verbally accepted the case, please complete the submission form available on our website (below), and email this to the address provided.

Delivery - Unfortunately, we are unable to collect bodies ourselves, however we can recommend <https://www.acesamedaycouriers.com/> for transport. This will need to be arranged directly by your practice or the owner. In some cases, the owner may choose to deliver their pet to us themselves (please find the address on the submission form). We would appreciate a call with an estimated time of arrival. We can accept bodies from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri.

Reports & invoices – Following the post-mortem, the pathologist/Resident will call the submitting vet to provide the preliminary findings. If further testing is recommended this will also be discussed. A written report will be sent to the email address provided at submission, 4-6 weeks from submission. The invoice will be released after the final report (invoicing is usually completed at the end of the month by the University Finance and Payments teams).

Please note: The submitting vet is our client, we do not communicate with the owner regarding reports, results or invoices.

Please see our website for further details <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet/service-for-business/veterinary-pathology-service/companion-and-equine-pathology/index.aspx>