



Veterinary Health Center

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OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

AFTER HOURS NECROPSY

Purpose: To clarify when a necropsy or rabies exam should be a patient of the Veterinary Health Center (VHC) or the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL).

VHC Patients

1. The Client Services staff will register the patient, contact VHC senior clinician, and charge and collect the appropriate necropsy fee only (if level 2 or higher) under the following circumstances:
 - a. Animal is alive when sent by a referring veterinarian to the VHC but dies en route.
 - b. Animal is dead, is from an outside herd/flock/kennel, and the herd/flock/kennel has been under the care of a VHC clinician. Clinician assigned will be the clinician who has been working with that animal or routinely works with the herd or flock.
 - c. Animal is dead and is owned by a VHC client who would like to talk to the VHC senior clinician upon arrival.
 - d. In the above cases, VHC clinical staff will complete the Request for Postmortem Examination form and ensure the animal is placed in the cooler.

VDL Patients

1. Client Services staff will not register the client or collect money when a *dead* animal is being submitted directly to the Diagnostic Laboratory for necropsy or rabies examination and there is no referring veterinarian, or the veterinarian is not a VHC clinician.
2. Client Services will advise the person they will contact the on-call person for KSU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at 785-473-3315.
3. The VDL on-call person should arrive at the Discharge Desk within 20 minutes of being called or paged.
4. The Diagnostic Laboratory will not receive, hold or provide euthanasia services for live animals after hours.
 - a. The clients are expected to use the services of other local emergency veterinarians for animal euthanasia.
 - b. Client Services will not assign a record number or collect money when a Diagnostic Laboratory client presents a *live* animal for euthanasia by the Diagnostic Laboratory.