

NECROPSY OR RABIES EXAM (AFTER HOURS)

- A. Small Animal Discharge/Emergency personnel will assign a record number, VHC senior clinician, and charge and collect the appropriate necropsy fee only (if level 2 or higher) under the following circumstances:
- I. Animal is alive when sent by a referring veterinarian to the VHC but dies en route.
 - II. 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.
 - III. Animal is dead and is from one of the KSU Animal Science herds/flocks. The clinician assigned will be the clinician that has been working with that animal or routinely works with the KSU herd or flock.
 - IV. Animal is dead and is owned by a VHC client.

In the above cases, Small Animal Discharge/Emergency personnel will call the senior student on Small Animal Medicine Emergency duty to complete a KSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Request for Postmortem Examination and APR. The senior student should identify the animal and place it in the incoming (north) cooler. KSVDL WI-02-951- After Hours Submission Procedures for handling animals submitted for necropsy are located by the blank accession forms on the shelf outside Room D-117. The student must also notify the VHC clinician on duty that the animal has been submitted for necropsy.

- B. Small Animal Discharge/Emergency Desk personnel will not assign a record number or collect money when a *dead* animal is being submitted to the Diagnostic Laboratory for necropsy or rabies examination and there is no referring veterinarian or the veterinarian is not a VHC clinician. In these cases, Small Animal Discharge/Emergency Desk personnel will advise the person they will contact the on-call KSU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab student laboratory technician (SLT) to assist them. The SLT should arrive at the VHC Small Animal Discharge/Emergency Desk within 20 minutes of being called or paged. If the SLT live-in student doesn't respond within 20 minutes, Small Animal Discharge/ Emergency Desk personnel will call the Diagnostic Laboratory Pathologist on duty.

Small Animal Discharge/Emergency Desk personnel will not assign a record number or collect money when a Diagnostic Laboratory client presents a *live* animal for euthanasia by the Diagnostic Laboratory. These persons should be told the Diagnostic Laboratory will not receive, hold or provide euthanasia services for live animals after hours and they are expected to use the services of other local emergency veterinarians for animal euthanasia. The VHC will not euthanize animals presented by clients of the KSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for necropsy purposes only.