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Division of Animal Industry  
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585.61, Florida Statute  
5C-13, Florida Administrative Code

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Note: All documents and attachments submitted with this disclaimer are subject to public review pursuant to Chapter 119, F.S.

Only animals submitted for a diagnostic work-up will be accepted for necropsy. The Bureau of Diagnostic Laboratory's services do not include carcass disposal for the owner's convenience.

A successful necropsy requires a well-preserved carcass, except in the case of food-production or game birds where a live specimen is ideal. Arriving at a proper diagnosis and/or cause of death often depends strongly on information gathered from the clinical history. While repeating the entire case report is not necessary, of particular importance are the suspected diagnosis, current treatments and medication, and any clinical signs and symptoms which were apparent minutes or hours prior to death.

It may be necessary for our laboratory staff to consult with your veterinarian to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion or determine the need for follow-up. Necropsy exams are performed as soon as possible after submission, and the owner or veterinarian is informed of the necropsy findings and tentative diagnosis.

Like all medical procedures, necropsy has its limitations and may not be able to provide all the answers as is commonly believed. It is very common for the necropsy findings to be inconclusive as to the cause of death or clinical syndrome. Some conditions are just not characterized by changes that can be detected either grossly or microscopically. This is often the case in poisoning. In addition, necropsy lesions cannot always be interpreted properly in a vacuum, without the benefit of the rest of the clinical picture. As with all medical procedures, the necropsy is often just another piece of the entire clinical puzzle.

Prepaid necropsy fees include gross necropsy and in-house histopathological, bacteriological, virological, molecular diagnostic, and parasitological examinations. Additional laboratory charges for procedures such as outside laboratory, rabies, and toxicological testing may be required. Incineration fees apply to all non-food/fiber animals. Food and Fiber animals include cattle, swine, goats, sheep, poultry, captive cervids, alpacas, llamas, and rabbits.

We are not a research institution nor a teaching facility. Therefore, carcasses are not used for any purpose except diagnosis. The laboratory is unable to return your animal's body, ashes, collars, tissues or coolers, etc., following a necropsy. Private cremations will not be performed by the laboratory.

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**Estimated Fees**

Necropsy Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Incineration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ancillary Testing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate)

***I have read and understand the above disclaimer.***

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Owner (print name)

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Owner's Signature

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Date