

## **Necropsy and Biopsy Requests**

1. Animals to be necropsied should be in the cooler no later than 3:00 p.m. and accompanied by a clinician-signed Necropsy and Body Disposition Request form and the death summary. Paperwork will be presented to LADDL Receiving. Necropsy will begin at 1:00 p.m. daily on regular working days.
2. All animals placed in the coolers for necropsy and/or private cremation or for disposal should be tagged according to current protocol. Note: animals placed in coolers that are not tagged will be disposed after a reasonable attempt to ascertain its identity.
3. On weekends, Necropsy will be performed at 10:00 a.m. Saturdays unless VTH is otherwise notified. On extended holidays of 3 days or more, necropsy will be performed every other day.
4. Because of zoonotic potential and biosafety concerns, the animal remains will **NOT** be released to the owner after necropsy. Private cremations are available.
5. Pathology/Biopsy request forms should be filled out completely and legibly, and signed by the clinician.
6. All biopsy specimens should be sectioned no more than 5 mm thick, promptly fixed in 10% formalin, properly labeled (on the side of the specimen jar, NOT on the lid), and, with a completed biopsy request form, submitted to LADDL Receiving by 1:30 p.m. The amount of formalin to tissue ratio for proper fixation should be at least 10:1.