

Necropsy Requirements

Purpose:

To describe the procedures to be followed when an animal is found dead by ACF staff.

Procedure:

- 1) When animals are found dead by ACF Staff, a necropsy will be performed at the discretion of the ACF Manager”.
- 2) A necropsy is REQUIRED under the following conditions:
 - a) For any unanticipated death of a USDA covered species
 - b) For any rodent death as part of disease surveillance including the sentinel program
 - c) For any pattern of mortality, morbidity, or clinical illness
 - d) For any animal deaths associated with an incident report
- 3) The ACF Staff will perform a gross prosection, collect samples for supportive studies, and document gross findings. Tissue samples will be preserved, stored, and maintained by the ACF Staff. If warranted, tissues will be submitted for histological processing. Slides may be submitted to a contracted veterinary pathologist for microscopic evaluation. Tissue blocks and microscope slides will be archived in the diagnostic laboratory.
- 4) The ACF Manager will collate all results into a final Pathology Report. Pathology records will be maintained in the laboratory, submitted to the animal file, and a copy given to the ACF Director and Principal Investigator (if applicable).