

AZVDL NECROPSY ANNOUNCEMENT

The AZVDL has resume necropsy services on a limited basis. For cases that require a full necropsy examination, please contact the laboratory at (520) 621-2356 or (520) 909-2324 prior to submission of necropsy specimens.

We **will continue to accept** all tissue samples from field and in-clinic necropsy procedures (“necropsy in a bottle”). Formalin-fixed tissue may be submitted for histopathologic examination, and fresh/frozen tissue may also be submitted for microbiology and/or toxicology testing as needed.

The e-book at the following link provides an overview of the gross necropsy process for all major domestic species (beginning on page 25 of the PDF document): <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/37948>. Additionally, an AZVDL pathologist will still be available for consultation at (520) 909-2324 (7 days a week, 8 am-9pm). Please note that if you are performing your own gross necropsy and desire further examination of tissues within the head, you may submit the entire head intact (unfixed).

The AZVDL can provide clinics with extra formalin and/or specimen containers if needed – please let us know if you are in need of any of these materials and we can make them available to you.

Due to low staffing and resuming necropsy services on a limited basis turn-around times on necropsy examinations will be affected; clinics have the option to contact the Diagnostic Pathology Center at Midwestern University’s Animal Health Institute for a full necropsy examination: (623) 806-7540 <https://mwuanimalhealth.com/diagnostic-pathology-center>

*For clinics currently on the AZVDL’s courier route, delivery of cadavers to Midwestern is available (up to 60 lb body weight). Same-day service is available for \$50 if requested and dropped off at AZVDL by 9:30 am, and next day service is \$25.

*Please note that Midwestern only accepts submissions from veterinarians (specimens not accepted from private owners).