

WVDL Pathology Section – Procedures and Fees
January 2025

All submissions must be made by a veterinarian or professional poultry/fisheries consultant.
\$10 accession fee will be added to each submission.

Surgical Biopsy – Histopathology

Any species, fixed tissue only. Note: Fixed tissues from deceased animals = bottle necropsy.

	WI and Out-of State Residents
First site (anatomical location)*	\$63.00
Each additional site	\$28.50
Biopsies greater than 8cm (largest dimension)	\$91.50
Limbs	\$130.00
Decalcification	\$12.00
Immunohistochemistry (IHC)	Price varies, inquire
Second opinions	
• Original submission at WVDL	No charge
• Original submission elsewhere	Inquire

*Up to 3 skin punches considered one anatomical site.

*Up to 3 endoscopic biopsies per organ considered one anatomical site.

Bottle Necropsy*

Any species, one animal. Includes fresh and fixed tissue.	WI Resident	Out-of-State Owner
	\$110.00	\$165.00

Production Animal Necropsy*

Any age bovine, sheep, goat, cervid, llama, alpaca, pig, mink, poultry, commercial fish.	WI Resident	Out-of-State Owner
	\$132.00	\$198.00

Non Production Animal Necropsy*

Any age horse, dog, cat, pocket pet, pet bird, zoo animals, wildlife	WI Resident	Out-of-State Owner
• 0-5 lb	\$214.00	\$321.00
• 5-100 lb	\$328.00	\$492.00
• 100-500 lb	\$500.00	\$750.00
• >500 lb	\$662.00	\$993.00

*Included in necropsy fee: gross evaluation, histopathology (H&E, special stains), most in-house tests (fecal, culture, MIC, PCR). Not included: disposal fees (see next page), referral tests, IHC, isolate storage and shipment, serology testing.

*Multiple animals per submission policy:

- Mammals: Up to 3 fetuses/neonates from the same litter may be included as one necropsy fee.
- Poultry from commercial flocks (NOTE: Premise ID required): Up to 5 birds from the same age/group may be included as one necropsy fee.
- Commercial fisheries: Up to 5 fish from the same age/group may be included as one necropsy fee.
- Tissues will be pooled at pathologists discretion. Additional fees may apply.

Special Procedures

Brain removal	\$67.00
Spinal cord removal (additional to necropsy fee)	\$176.50
Forensic/legal necropsy - additional fee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please call prior to submission for consult.	\$194.00
Insurance case – additional fee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please call prior to submission for consult.	\$194.00
Euthanasia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Poultry and fish only. Please call in advance.	Inquire

* WVDL requires a legal entity (Police Department, Animal Welfare Officer, District Attorney) to be associated with all forensic/legal cases submitted to WVDL. Body retention is limited to six months.

Animal Carcass Disposal

Some animal carcasses and tissues require incineration or digestion as a disposal method. More information on our rendering policies can be found on our website under Diagnostic Resources. Composting available only for non-barbiturate euthanized domestic animals.

Please call in advance with any questions and to confirm disposal fee prior to invoicing your client.

	WI Resident	Out-of-State Owner
Madison Laboratory		
• Incineration	\$1.00/lb	\$1.50/lb
• Digestion	\$1.70/lb	\$2.55/lb
• Rendering	\$6.50 per 100 lbs	\$9.75 per 100 lbs
• Composting <200 lb	\$302.50	\$302.50
• Composting >200 lb	\$935.50	\$935.50
Barron Laboratory		
• Incineration	\$0.70/lb	\$1.05/lb
• Rendering	\$6.50 per 100 lbs	\$9.75 per 100 lbs
• Composting <200 lb	\$302.50	\$302.50
• Composting >200 lb	\$935.50	\$935.50

Cremation Services

- Clients must arrange all cremation services and provide a cremation order form along with the Necropsy Submission Form when the body is dropped off for necropsy. Trusted Journey Pet Memorial Services has scheduled pick-ups with WVDL (Madison and Barron locations). Other cremation options may be used; WVDL does not ship remains to crematoriums, remains must be picked up by the company.
- Large animal private cremations – Limited to Head, Heart, and Hooves unless approved in advance.

Research Requests

The fee structure above does not apply. Routine WVDL diagnostic pathology services do not include research studies. Research studies may be arranged with individual WVDL pathologists on a case by case basis, as part of scholarly activity, with the expectation of co-authorship on peer reviewed scientific publications. WVDL also offers ad-hoc histology services - See Histopathology Research Submission Form

After-hours Drop Off Fees

Necropsy (whole body) cases dropped off outside of normal business hours will incur a fee:

1-50 lb = \$50; 51-150 lb = \$100; >150 lb = \$250

Large animals: MUST call WVDL during normal business hours to arrange for after-hours drop off