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Caring for your Animals

Protocol for Post-Mortems

- Clients will be offered two levels of post-mortem
  - i) we can either arrange for the cadaver to be transported to an an external laboratory for a full pathological examination, with a detailed autopsy report and tissue sampling. The costs of this will depend on the lab used and cadaver size, but will normally start from £330 excl VAT.
  - ii) we can offer a 'gross examination' of body organ systems at a basic post-mortem carried out in-house, at a cost of £44.08.
- Small animal post-mortems will only be carried out at the Blackford premises, not at any of the branch surgeries.
- Post-mortem procedures will be performed in the dental room, at the end of the day after all clinical work has been completed.
- Post-mortems will only be performed by Veterinary Surgeons.
- No person under the age of 18, or whom is pregnant or immune-compromised shall be allowed to observe or assist with post-mortems.
- Appropriate PPE shall be worn at all times by all persons performing / assisting / observing post-mortems. Hand washing must be performed after removing PPE.
- Due consideration must be given to the health and safety issues that could be associated with the risk of zoonoses, especially if post-mortems are performed on primates, birds, or reptiles.
- Food and drink must not be taken into the room where post-mortems are carried out.

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