

NECROPSY REQUIREMENTS	A research facility should perform necropsies as part of providing adequate veterinary care. [3.110, Policy #21 and Policy #22]
Criteria	<p>A necropsy must be performed on all marine mammals [3.110]</p> <p>It is strongly recommended but not required that a necropsy be performed on all elephants [Policy #21]</p> <p>A necropsy should be performed: [Policy #22]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• at the discretion of the attending veterinarian• when a high death loss is occurring• when a significant number of unexplained deaths is occurring• when a strong chance exists that an undiagnosed infectious disease is present (with or without potential zoonoses)• when the circumstances around a death indicate that a violation of the AWA may have contributed to the death• when warranted by circumstances <p>NOTE: If circumstances warrant, you (the inspector), in consultation with your SACS, may request a research facility to conduct necropsies on selected regulated animals. [Policy #22]</p> <p>The necropsy should be conducted within an appropriate interval after the animal's death.</p> <p>The animal's body should be kept at an appropriate refrigerated temperature to ensure meaningful necropsy results.</p> <p>The necropsy must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian experienced with the species being necropsied.</p> <p>The necropsy should include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an internal and external systemic gross pathology examination• appropriate microbiological cultures of lesions• histopathology of lesions• other indicated tests

	<p>All necropsy reports must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• signed and dated by the attending veterinarian, and• maintained at the facility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ for at least one year, or▶ longer as required by APHIS• be available for review by APHIS personnel
<p>Species Specific</p>	<p>Marine Mammals [3.110]</p> <p>A complete necropsy must: [3.110(f)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be performed on all marine mammals that die in captivity• be conducted by or under the supervision of the attending veterinarian• include, but not be limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ histopathology sample▶ microbiological cultures▶ other tests as appropriate <p>The preliminary necropsy report must: [3.110(g)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be prepared by the veterinarian conducting the necropsy• list all pathological lesions observed <p>The final necropsy report must include: [3.110(g)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all gross findings• all histopathological findings• the results of all laboratory tests performed• a pathological diagnosis <p>Necropsy reports must be: [3.110(g)(2)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintained at the marine mammal's home facility• maintained at the facility where the marine mammal died, if different than the home facility• kept for 3 years• available for APHIS inspection