

**RELEASE OF REMAINS FOR CREMATION**

Animal Health Centre  
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**Conditions for the release of an animal's remains from the Animal Health Centre for the purpose of private cremation:**

- Remains will only be released to a licensed crematorium facility. It is the responsibility of the submitter of the animal to arrange the cremation with a crematorium facility in advance of the submission to the Animal Health Centre.
- The animal's weight must be less than 40 kgs.
- An additional fee will apply for the preparation of the remains.
- Release of remains is subject to approval once the Pathologist's workup is complete. If a significant public health risk is identified (i.e. disease deemed a risk to humans or other animals), the remains are unable to be approved for release.
- Remains are packaged and disinfected prior to release from the Animal Health Centre Post Mortem facility. The remains, including the outer disinfected packaging, must be cremated in its entirety. The packaging may NOT be opened by the crematorium.

***I have read and acknowledge these conditions.***

Submitter name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Crematorium facility: \_\_\_\_\_

AHC case #: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Approval must be obtained by the AHC Case Coordinator (Pathologist), Director or the Director's designate prior to the release of the remains from the Animal Health Centre.***

Release approved by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed by recipient of the remains (crematorium facility representative):***

I understand that the remains (whole animal(s) and/or tissue remains) that are provided to me may be infected with, or contaminated by, one or more infectious agents that are capable of causing illness or death in humans and/or animals. I accept full responsibility for release of the remains and for the adverse health consequences to myself, other humans and/or animals should they become infected as a result of direct or indirect contact with these specimens.

The remains, including the outer disinfected packaging, must be cremated in its entirety. The packaging may NOT be opened by the crematorium.

***I have read and I understand this document and have decided to remove the remains from the Animal Health Centre laboratory.*** I hereby release the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, the Animal Health Centre and its staff against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, charges and expenses that arise as a result of obtaining and removing remains from the Animal Health Centre.

Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Crematorium facility name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_