

Appendix 1. Example of a Forensic Post Mortem Report

Figures 1 to 4 show examples of different parts of an example of a forensic report. note: this template is provided as a guidance only.

PM REPORT TEMPLATE

Species:	Breed:	Laboratory Case ID No:
Age:	Sex:	
Referring Authority:		Previous Case ID No(s):
Animal Name/Ref/ID: Exhibit: TagNo: Microchip: Other: Part of animal (if applicable):		Pathologist(s): Typed:
Referring Veterinary Surgeon:		Date received: Date of necropsy: Photographs:
Interval between death & necropsy:		Bodyweight:
Clinical Features / Specific Questions:		

On (date), at approximately (time), (name) delivered the body/or part(s) of a (type of animal) (ID/Tag number etc.) to (Diagnostic service/Institution). The animal was accepted by (name/date). The carcase was delivered at (room/cold room temperature/ frozen) in a (type of packaging) sealed with (ID number) (Fig).

I (name of pathologist), with the assistance of (resident), and the technical assistance of (technician) performed the post-mortem examination of the above animal at the request of the (instructing authorities) between (start time) and (finish time) on (date).

Fig.1

GROSS FINDINGS

External examination

Signs of death/post mortem changes:

General body condition (Fig):

Skin and adnexae (Fig):

Subcutis (Fig):

Internal examination

Cranial cavity (Fig):

Thoracic cavity (Fig):

Abdominal cavity (Fig):

Pelvic cavity (Fig):

Muscular system

Skeletal system

Bones (Fig):

Joints (Fig):

Tendons (Fig):

Ligaments (Fig):

Nervous system

Brain (Fig):

PNS (Fig):

Spinal cord (Fig):

Eyes (Fig):

Cardiovascular system

Pericardium (Fig):

Heart (Fig):

Vessels (Fig):

Respiratory system

Nasal cavity (Fig):

Larynx (Fig):

Trachea (Fig):

Bronchi (Fig):

Lungs (Fig):

Gastrointestinal tract

Oral cavity (Fig):

Pharynx (Fig):

Oesophagus (Fig):

Stomach (Fig):

Small intestine (Fig):

Large intestine (Fig):

Rectum (Fig):

Pancreas (Fig):

Liver (Fig):

Urogenital system

Kidneys (Fig):

Ureter (Fig):

Urinary bladder (Fig):

Urethra (Fig):

Testes or uterus and ovaries (Fig):

Penis or Vagina (Fig):

Haemolymphatic system

Spleen (Fig):

Lymph nodes (Fig):

Bone marrow (Fig):

Thymus (Fig):

Endocrine system

Pituitary gland (Fig):

Thyroid glands (Fig):

Parathyroid glands (Fig):

Adrenal glands (Fig):

Further investigations (e.g. bacteriology, toxicology, imaging etc):

Fig.2

HISTOPATHOLOGY

All organs and tissues exhibited (*mild/moderate/severe*) autolytic changes and (*mild/moderate/severe*) freeze/thaw artefacts. [Delete, if appropriate.]

Muscular system

Skeletal system

Endocrine system

Pituitary gland:

Thyroid glands:

Parathyroid glands:

Adrenal glands:

Nervous system

Brain:

PNS:

Cardiovascular system

Heart:

Respiratory system

Lungs:

Lymphatic system

Spleen:

Lymph nodes:

Bone marrow:

Gastrointestinal tract

Stomach:

Small intestine (duodenum, jejunum and ileum):

Large intestine (colon, caecum):

Liver:

Pancreas:

Urogenital system

Kidneys:

Urinary bladder:

Ovaries/Testes:

Integumentum

Skin:

Fig.3

COMMENT

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Conclusions: (if appropriate)

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Conclusions: (if appropriate)

Name

Date _____

Signature

EVIDENCE RETENTION AND DISPOSAL POLICY:

Carcase: Will be disposed of (x) month(s) from the date at which the final report has been issued.

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Formalin fixed samples: Will be disposed of (X) months from the date at which the final report has been issued. **Frozen samples:** Will be disposed of (X) months from the date at which the final report has been issued. **Histological specimens (slides):** Will be retained for (X) years; will be disposed at the start of the xxth year after the post mortem examination irrespective of the report date; **Formalin fixed paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue samples:** Will be retained for at least (X) years.

Fig.4