

ANIMAL SUBMISSION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By submitting animal remains/specimens to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory (AHDL), due to risk of disease transmission, under no circumstances will remains/specimens will be returned to any individual (e.g., owner or veterinarian). As such, upon submission, animal remains/specimens become the property of the AHDL. Remains includes, but is not limited to, animal carcass, tissue samples, and associated items such as bedding, etc.

Upon written request by the animal's owner, AHDL may provide remains to an approved private pet memorial service (crematorium). All costs associated with the pet memorial services shall be paid for privately by the submitter, at no cost to AHDL.

Interpretation or utilization of laboratory results including necropsy reports in the context of animal or herd health are within the practice of veterinary medicine and, therefore, may be done by licensed veterinarians as provided in the Veterinary Practice Act. Laboratory employees may not advise owners on services that are within the practice of veterinary medicine by licensed private veterinarians.

The AHDL's user policies on necropsy and other laboratory services are available on the AHDL's website under sample submission section: <https://jerseyvetlab.nj.gov/agriculture/ahdl/sample/>

I have read this document and user policies, understand its content, and agree to the terms.

Name (Print): _____

☐ Submitter

☐ Owner

☐ Other _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____