

*It's time
to give
something
back*

Anita
2000-2010

Chloetsje
2008-2011

Nanning 374
1996-2010

They're
GONE!

Don't let their passing be in vain



Necropsy reports can provide invaluable information in unlocking the mysteries. Fenway Foundation is committed to helping unlock the mysteries through necropsy reports. If you've already had a necropsy report done, the Foundation asks that you consider donating it. The Fenway Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law (provided no goods or services are provided in exchange for your generous donation). The Foundation is also prepared to provide financial assistance to obtain necropsy reports.

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Dear Friesian owner,

Despite our best efforts, every Friesian owner will eventually bid farewell to a beloved Friesian horse. Many times their departure will be after a long and rewarding life. Unfortunately there will be times when our horse's departure will be totally unexpected and completely premature; in those occurrences we at the Fenway Foundation, in cooperation with the FHANA Health Committee and researchers from around the world, hope to learn from those events. To accomplish this we need your help. This form, when filled out by an experienced equine practitioner will help us to, hopefully, unlock some of the mysteries of the Friesian Horse.

The Utrecht University is in the advanced stages with their research focusing on the following issues: dwarfism, hydrocephalus, aorta rupture and mega-esophagus with Prof. Dr. Willem Back, heading the research team. The FHANA Health Committee in cooperation with the Fenway Foundation under the direction of Prof. Dr. Back has concluded that the best way Friesian owners can contribute and help the Friesian population here in North America is to collect and preserve samples and record all of the information. This will identify the carriers and will help in the near future to narrow down the markers on the genome.

To gain the precise information regarding these issues Prof. Dr. Back requests the following information:

When presented with Foals afflicted with **Dwarfism** or **Hydrocephalus**:

Fetus: Digital pictures
Frozen ear(s) 4x4 cm (1.5" x 1.5")
Identification of sire

Mare: Photocopy of registration paper
Two EDTA vials of blood (cooled, if possible)
Term (length) of pregnancy
Hair sample (if not on file with FHANA)

When presented with Horses who depart due to **Aortic Rupture** or **Mega-Esophagus**:

— Good clinical diagnosis report
— Detailed post mortem report with digital pictures
— Histopathology report if available
— Frozen tissue (skin) taken along the incision line. 4x4 cm (1.5" x 1.5")
— Two EDTA vials of blood (cooled, if possible)
— Photocopy of registration paper

The Foundation requests that all information be forwarded to the Fenway Foundation. Genetic materials will be redirected to the appropriate laboratory facilities for study and analysis. Completed necropsy reports will be shared among the scientific community for study, analysis and hopefully conclusions that will allow Friesian owners to learn more about this magnificent breed.

We strongly urge all Friesian owners to keep this report in an accessible place or to put it into the hands of your Veterinarian for the fateful day when the form will have to be completed. Your Vets, at that point, will professionally and sensitively, collect your horse's final gift, information that may lead to a longer, healthier and happier life for all Friesian horses.

Additional forms can be downloaded at the Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses website, FenwayFoundation.com.

GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING A FIELD NECROPSY

(The Foundation will reimburse for Necropsies on Friesians 18 years old or less)

The Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses (FFFH) is interested in acquiring as much information as possible when the unfortunate event of an equine fatality occurs. To aid in this, limited funding is provided for necropsy exams.

- If possible, the horse should be sent to a pathology lab for the necropsy. However, if due to the location of the ride and the difficulty in transporting the horse, a necropsy performed by the attending veterinarian may be necessary.
- Please use the attached form to aid in performing the necropsy and providing the data necessary to determine the cause of death.
- Prior to beginning the necropsy exam the appropriate area and disposal of the animal should be considered. Areas away from public view and an adequate way to dispose of the body should be determined. FFFH understands this may not always be possible and therefore a necropsy may not be performed.

Field Necropsy

- A systematic approach should be used beginning with the suspected area of interest (see attached Gross Post-Mortem Examination Form).
If an obvious cause of death is identified, document this. If a spinal cord injury is suspected referral to a facility that can remove the spinal column is recommended.

Notes:

1. For reimbursement of necropsy expenses or fees, this Gross Post-Mortem Examination Form must be returned to the Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses along with applicable veterinarian and laboratory receipts including histopath analysis.
2. If you've already had a necropsy report done, the Foundation asks that you consider donating it. The Fenway Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law (provided no goods or services are provided in exchange for your donation)
3. The Foundation will reimburse appropriate necropsy reports and histopath analysis upon receipt of such reports. To insure reimbursement reports must include invoices from a veterinary and laboratory practitioner. The Foundation will not cover rendering, removal, disposal, cremation, or burial of the equine cadaver. Foundation reimbursements with appropriate receipts will not exceed six hundred U.S. dollars.
4. The Foundation will share all donated or purchased reports with Friesian equine researcher partners from around the world to minimize the need to develop multiple reports.
5. By submitting this completed necropsy report and genetic material I, the Friesian horse owner, release all information contained there in to be shared with Foundation researchers and associated scientists in the pursuit of scientific study regarding Friesian Health issues.

Return all reports, genetic materials for research and appropriate invoices to:

Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses Inc.
N3398 State Road 76
Hortonville, WI 54944
Attn: Dr. Kathy Fox



GROSS POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION FORM

Identification

Owner Name _____ Animal Name _____
Age _____ Gender _____ Chip/Registration Number _____
Markings _____ Brief History _____
Time of Death _____ Cause of Death _____ Euthanized (Y/N) _____

Gross Necropsy Findings

1. **Skin/carcass** _____

2. **Musculoskeletal:** External _____

Bones _____ Joints _____

Describe specific injuries if they were the cause of death _____

3. **Respiratory System:** Upper _____ Pharynx _____

Larynx _____ Trachea _____

Bronchi _____ Lungs _____

4. **Circulatory System:** Thoracic Fluid _____

Heart _____ Weight (if available) _____

Great Vessels _____ Vena Cava _____

5. **Lymph nodes:** _____

6. **Digestive System:** Upper _____ Abdominal Cavity Fluid _____

Serosal Surface _____ Contents _____

Esophagus _____ Stomach _____

Small Intestine _____ Cecum _____

Large Colon _____ Small Colon _____

Liver _____ Pancreas _____

Spleen _____

Specific Comments _____

7. **Urogenital System:** Urine(color) _____ Bladder _____

Ureters _____ Urethra _____

Kidneys _____

Testicles _____ Penis _____

Ovaries _____ Uterus & adnexa _____

8. **Nervous System:** CNS (Brain) Note gross findings if evaluated or clinical signs if brain case not opened

_____ Pituitary _____

Spinal Cord (if evaluated, or clinical signs if suspected lesion site) _____

Gross Diagnosis _____

Tissues collected for histopathology _____

Laboratory _____

(attach pathologist's report) *If an organ or system is not examined indicate with a N/E.

Veterinarian performing exam _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____