

# **Guidelines for Necropsy**

## **Blood Samples :**

One or two 10-12 ml draw blood tubes with EDTA (purple top)  
or acid-citrate-dextrose (ACD yellow top) anticoagulant.

## **Tissue Samples:**

Obtain any needed tissue samples as soon as possible after death or euthanasia.

\*\*Please sample any tissue that is of interest both with respect to the clinical presentation of the horse OR a tissue that appears to be abnormal regardless of cause of death. Submit samples for histopathology at the discretion of the attending veterinarian.

\*\*DO NOT submit samples if the tissue is compromised (autolyzed) as these will not be of any benefit in determining the potential diagnosis of cause of death of the horse nor to the Foundation for research/education.

## **Hair Samples:**

The Foundation requests that a hair sample be obtained from each horse presented for necropsy. 30-40 tail hairs (easiest to sample from the shorter hairs nearest the tailhead) INCLUDING the roots should be taped together and double bagged in a ziplock bag. Label both bags with the horse's name and the name of the owner and the date collected.

**Please notify the Fenway Foundation prior to sending any samples.**

**Submit hair samples, medical record and necropsy report to:**

The Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses  
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