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Crowshall Veterinary Services Notifiable Avian Disease Policy – Advice & Information for Clients

INTRODUCTION

All post-mortem submissions where Notifiable Avian Disease (NAD) is suspected or is required from farms/sites within a Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone **must be discussed with a veterinarian**. If the veterinarian perceives that NAD is a possible differential, then consideration for visiting the site will be made first.

It is important that you do not visit the Practice without discussing your birds with one of our vets first.

If statutory or any other samples are to be submitted, these must be accompanied by an appropriate submission form available here: <https://www.crowshall.co.uk/get-submissions-forms>

Submitting Carcasses/Dead Birds

If carcasses are to be submitted from sites in a 3km Protection Zone or 10km Surveillance Zone, you need to print off the following licence and follow the instructions to submit samples to us – **this is a legal requirement**. This licence permits the movement of carcasses, samples, faeces and faecal samples from live poultry or other captive birds from premises within a Protection Zone to a laboratory or veterinary surgery for diagnostic testing or investigation. **The appropriate licence must accompany your birds.**

The appropriate licence is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1058997/gl-exd339-pz-move-poultry-carcasses-disposal.pdf

Likewise, if samples are to be moved into a 3km Protection Zone a licence is legally required.

Information on Avian Influenza zones can be found here:

<https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8cb1883eda5547c6b91b5d5e6aeba90d>

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If birds are to be submitted then you must double bag the birds, seal with a cable tie, and ensure that the outside of the bag is disinfected with Defra approved disinfectant and Poultry Disease Order rate (see Defra website).

- Drive directly to the practice, remain in your vehicle and contact reception by phone on 01953 455454.
- You must not leave your vehicle until told to do so by Crowshall staff or vets.
- **Do not enter Reception**
- When advised, please drive to the PM suite.
- A technician will visit your vehicle and collect the sample bags
- **You must** then spray your vehicle with 1% (v/v) Bioguard from the hose provided (our technician can advise you) and spray the interior of your vehicle where the submission bag(s) have been using the sprayers provided.

Submitting Samples for Salmonella Testing

If samples for salmonella testing are to be submitted from sites in a 3km Protection Zone or 10km Surveillance Zone you need to print off the following licence and follow the instructions to submit samples to us - **this is a legal requirement**. This licence permits the movement of samples for Salmonella testing required for the National Control Programme, and sampling for Salmonella testing for assurance purposes, such as for meeting Lion Code requirements. **The appropriate licence must accompany your samples.**

The appropriate licence is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1058994/gl-exd314-ai-qb-salmonella.pdf

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Submitting Other Laboratory Samples

If other laboratory samples (not salmonella samples) are to be submitted from sites in a 3km Protection zone or 10km surveillance zones you need to print off the following licences and follow the instructions to submit samples to us - **this is a legal requirement**. This licence

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Waste

Anatomical waste generated by the Practice is collected and disposed of under license by a company licensed to collect and dispose of Animal By-Product (ABP) Category 1 waste.

Anatomical waste will be at least double bagged, will not exceed 15kg and be sealed with a cable tie allowing at least 15cm between the top of the bag and the cable tie for handling. Each bag will be clearly labelled Category 1 Anatomical waste for incineration only.

A Waste Transfer Notice or ABP Movement Document is provided by the contractor each time a collection is made, currently twice a week. Records of these are kept for 5 years.

Clinical waste generated by the laboratory is collected, treated, and disposed of regularly (weekly) under license by a company licensed to collect and dispose of clinical waste generated following laboratory testing.

A Waste Transfer Notice is provided by the contractor each time a collection is made, currently weekly. Records of these are kept for 5 years.