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All USDA covered species, undergo a necropsy if there is an unexpected or unknown cause for illness or death as directed by the attending veterinarian.

Healthy USDA covered species (except nonhuman primates) that are euthanized for experimental endpoints, or because the study has ended, are not necropsied. All nonhuman primates (NHPs) that are euthanized for experimental endpoints, or because the study has ended must undergo a “Nonhuman Primate TB Necropsy” (gross necropsy and limited histopathology for TB screening).

If an unexpected death of a USDA covered species occurs over the weekend and it is believed that the necropsy should occur prior to the next scheduled work day, the on-call veterinarian should contact the pathologist on-call and determine the timeline for necropsy. A CCMP Laboratory of Comparative Pathology (LCP) pathologist should conduct the necropsy.

All unexpected deaths or animals euthanized due to an experimentally related complication that is of unknown cause or is not described on the protocol, need to be reported to the Education & Quality Assurance Administrator (EQAA) via email.