Making a Donation

Owners who are interested in donating the remains of their pet to veterinary education through the Deceased Pet Donation Program, should contact their local veterinarian.

Alternatively, owners can contact the Program Coordinator directly to ask questions or make arrangements.

Additional Information

For further details contact:

Deceased Pet Donation Program Coordinator
College of Veterinary Medicine
Oregon State University
118 Magruder Hall
Corvallis, OR 97331

Email  cvm.bequest@oregonstate.edu
Phone  (541) 737-6864
Fax    (541) 737-8651
      Attention: DPD Program Coordinator
Website vetmed.oregonstate.edu/public
A Lasting Legacy
Honor your pet’s life by donating its body to our Deceased Pet Donation Program. This supports veterinary education by allowing your beloved pet to live on through the training of the next generation of veterinarians. In doing so, you will be supporting an important component of veterinary training.

Veterinary Education
The donation of your pet’s remains will greatly benefit students taking courses at Oregon State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine (OSU CVM) Department of Clinical Sciences.

OSU CVM specifically developed the Deceased Pet Donation Program to enrich the education of veterinary students. Donations are used exclusively for teaching and will be subject to dissection, examination, and procedures within the veterinary disciplines of anatomy, surgery, medicine, anesthesia and reproduction. While we employ many non-animal models in our program, there is often no accurate substitute for real animals.

Eligible Donations
We accept the donated remains of dogs (under 80 lbs.) and cats by appointment only. Donations are accepted from owners within approximately two hours of loss of life, unless remains can be frozen until the owner can arrange transport.

Animals with diseases transmissible to people or other animals may NOT be donated.

Procedures after Death
Complete the OSU CVM Animal Donation Consent Form obtained from your veterinarian or on the College of Veterinary Medicine website, oregonstate.edu/vetmed/public. This form must be signed by the owner and the attending veterinarian.

Following the termination of life of your pet, you or your attending veterinarian may contact the Program Coordinator within 24 hours to coordinate donation of the remains. If, for whatever reason, a donation cannot be accepted, the owner is advised to make private arrangements for the disposal of the body.

The Program Coordinator will confirm receipt of the remains and acknowledge your participation. No report, results or medical information will be sent to the owner regarding the pet’s health or specific illness/condition.

If any diagnostics or a necropsy is desired instead, the owner must contact the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at 541-737-3261 and pay any required fees.

Most remains are used once in our program. Selected parts may be retained indefinitely for continuing teaching purposes.

Respect for Your Pet
Respect for the animals donated to OSU College of Veterinary Medicine through the Deceased Pet Donation Program is maintained at all times.

The teaching facilities are within a private and restricted area of the College of Veterinary Medicine, with access limited to authorized faculty, staff and students.

Acknowledgement
The contribution that owners and their animals make to veterinary education is sincerely appreciated and fully acknowledged. If you do not wish to have your name used in conjunction with any type of recognition by the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine, simply indicate this on the consent form.