

Dear Pet Owner:

Thank you for your inquiry about the "[Educational Memorial Program](#)" at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. By donating your pet's body, you are helping to further the education of our veterinary students.

The William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH) is a teaching and learning facility that has a need for deceased animals as part of our teaching programs, specifically teaching veterinary students how to perform a necropsy (autopsy of an animal).

We do not perform euthanasia unless your pet is a VMTH patient, but as an educational memorial, we would be happy to receive your animal after it has been euthanized by your local veterinarian. If you decide to participate, bring your pet to the VMTH within 24 hours of death. Please deliver to the Small Animal Clinic, Reception A, which is open 24 hours (for directions see [LINK](#)). Inform the admissions staff that you would like to donate your pet to the "[Educational Memorial Program](#)" and be sure to give them your name, as well as your pet's name. We do not need any medical records in regard to your pet. Please note that once your pet is donated, you will not receive any further information from us concerning its necropsy.

In order for your pet to be eligible for the "[Educational Memorial Program](#)", your pet should:

- Be a dog, cat or rabbit
- Be less than 24 hours since euthanasia or death
- Weigh less than 50 pounds
- Not have any known zoonotic diseases (a disease that can be transmitted from animals to people.)

We know this is a difficult time for you and your family, and we thank you for considering donating your pet to help educate future veterinarians.



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