

## Pet Cemeteries & Crematoriums

Each of these companies will cremate whole large animals or provide partial options (head, heart and hooves).

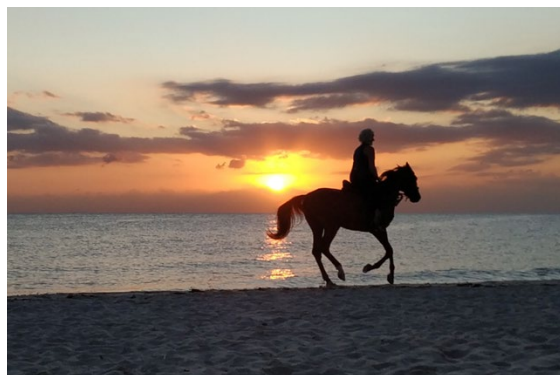
### Koefran Services for Pets

P.O. Box 276424  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
www.koefran.com  
916-361-0911  
800-822-6768

### Regency

4601 Pell Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95838  
www.regencyfamily.com  
916-348-4000

UC Davis is not affiliated with, nor do we endorse, any of these cemeteries or crematoriums. This list is provided to clients for their convenience and to assist during a difficult time.



### Anatomic Pathology Service

vmthanatomicpath@ucdavis.edu  
530-752-1368

### Pet Loss Resources

<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/grief-counseling/pet-loss-resources>

### Grief Support

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ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICE

# Aftercare For Your Animal



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U.S. News and  
World Report

*Know and understand your options  
to make an informed decision*



*Leading veterinary medicine, addressing societal needs*

## When Your Beloved Animal Passes

Please accept our sincerest condolences on the loss of your animal. We understand how difficult this time can be for you and your family. This resource will help walk you through the steps necessary to complete your animal's final arrangements. If this process becomes overwhelming at any time and you need assistance with animal loss or any end-of-life decisions, we encourage you to enlist our hospital's Client Support Counseling Services to help you through this process (*see back for details*).

## Do You Want A Necropsy? ►

Necropsy: an autopsy of your animal. Necropsies are performed to provide you with a diagnosis of your animal's disease, and when possible, a cause of death. This examination may include internal anatomy, requiring dissection of organs and removal of limbs in a respectful manner. Accordingly, once a necropsy is performed, the final remains of your animal would not be viewable. Veterinary students will assist and learn from the necropsy, under the direct supervision of a faculty pathologist. Please know that by choosing this procedure, you are helping to advance veterinary medicine, and we are grateful.

### ► If YES, choose one...

#### 1) Unrestricted Use

*You are authorizing UC Davis to use your animal's remains for teaching and/or clinical discovery purposes, in addition to the standard necropsy to determine a probable cause of death.*

#### 2) Further Use Forbidden

*Your animal's remains **will not** be used for clinical discovery purposes. A necropsy will be performed to determine a probable cause of death.*

### ► Also, if YES, choose one...

Owner pick-up is NOT ALLOWED on animals that have been necropsied.

#### 1) Standard Handling of Remains

*Your animal will be transported to a rendering facility for disposal.*

#### 2) Private Cremation

*You will be responsible for contacting a private crematorium within **one** business day of your animal's passing. You must provide payment and animal details to your chosen crematorium in order for them to pick up your animal from UC Davis. (Partial cremations are also generally available.) The crematorium you choose will then return your animal's ashes to you directly. Crematoriums do not return ashes back to UC Davis.*

Please contact the Anatomic Pathology Service at **530-752-1368** to inform them which private crematorium you have chosen to pick up your animal. If a necropsy or other post-mortem examination is being performed on your animal, please inform the crematorium. They will call the Anatomic Pathology Service to confirm and arrange pick-up. Most animals are ready for pick-up the day after a necropsy or post-mortem examination.

Necropsy results will be relayed to you by your UC Davis veterinarian in **approximately 30 days**.

### ► If NO necropsy is desired, choose one...

#### 1) Standard Handling of Remains

#### 2) Private Cremation

#### 3) Owner Pick-Up

*Owners can take their animal home after its passing if no necropsy or post-mortem examination is being performed. Owners/agents must take their animal home within **three** business days of passing. If you change your mind and request a standard handling or private cremation, please inform the Anatomic Pathology Service within **two** business day of animal's passing.*

#### Hold For Decision

*If a handling of remains or necropsy request decision cannot be made at the time of your animal's passing, your animal will be placed on hold with the Anatomic Pathology Service, and you will have **two** business days to make a decision. A necropsy on your animal cannot be requested outside the two business day post-mortem window. Due to health hazard concerns, if no decision or owner communication has been made within **five** days, we will implement our standard handling of remains practice for your animal and a morgue holding fee will be applied.*

**Disclaimer:** In the rare instance your animal is determined to have a possible infectious or zoonotic (transferable to humans) disease that requires immediate cremation, it will not be possible to release remains directly to you or to a private crematorium. All remains will be transported to a designated facility for cremation. We will contact you immediately if this is found to be the case.

**Other options:** If an insurance necropsy is desired, please inform your UC Davis veterinarian at the time of your animal's passing. Additional fees apply.

