When an animal is found dead or euthanased (unexpected/unplanned) then both Researcher and ACVS staff must inform ACVS (D and QCM) and AWO by email/pro-forma. The animal carcass is processed for post-mortem examination by ACVS as required or otherwise instructed by AWO/AEC-Chair. These events are reported to the AEC as part of ACVS Monthly Management Report.

All animals found dead or subject to an unplanned euthanasia, must have Post-Mortem Observations recorded.

Post-Mortem Examination is arranged for all animal carcasses and facilitated via the ACVS QC Manager.

- Either a Post-Mortem Observation is performed by the facility staff or further Examination and assessment is managed by ACVS. Depending on requirements these include:
  - Post-Mortem Examination,
  - Post-Mortem Necropsy (Note: will include further external diagnostic assessment eg. histology, bacteriology)
  - Anatomical, Pathological and Necropsy Reports (either by Murdoch University, DAFWA or other equivalent external assessment)

- Based on the outcomes of these examinations, further animal deaths may have various restrictions placed on them in terms of requirements for necropsy reporting, if there isn’t a restriction already imposed on the process by the AEC, the AWO or DACVS in writing.

Post-Mortem Examinations or Necropsy and Anatomical Pathological and Necropsy Reports are reported to the CI/AWO/DACVS/ACVS Facility staff/AEO by the QC Manager and also reported to the AEC/Chair via the Monthly Management Report.
ANIMAL FOUND DEAD/ UNPLANNED EUTHANASIA
- POST MORTEM ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.

**INITIAL STEPS:**
- **INFORM:** AWO, ACVS (D and QC), CI, (email/Post-Mortem Form)

**CONFIRM POST MORTEM EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**
- AEC/AWO conditions?
- AEC/AWO standing instructions?
- DACVS concerns?

**ACVS POST MORTEM EXAMINATION:**
- Facility Capability

**ACVS POST-MORTEM NECROPSY EXAMINATION AND REPORT:**
- Samples for separate examination as required and as indicated

**ANATOMICAL, PATHOLOGICAL AND NECROPSY REPORT:**
(Murdoch University, DAFWA, Other)

**POST MORTEM OBSERVATION RECORDED**
- Decomposed/autolysed
- Partial Carcass
- Restricted Material
- Trauma/accident
- Attributable to phenotype

**ACVS POST MORTEM EXAMINATION REPORT**

**INFORM AND SEND REPORT TO:**
TiC, CI, AEO, AWO Co-ord., DACVS

**MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT TO AEC**