

## Necropsy Policy

If a rabbit in foster care passes away, the medical and foster committees should be notified immediately. While HRN will not pay for a post-mortem exam by a veterinarian, several of our affiliate vet hospitals will perform a gross necropsy free of charge. The more we can learn from an unfortunate situation, the more it may help other rabbits in the future.

Unfortunately rabbit necropsies ideally are performed within 24 hours of death, on a refrigerated body, or the tissues are too far gone to interpret. And often we do not get a clear answer of why death occurred.

Ideally all rabbits that pass away are necropsied for our learning. However, it is understand that some conditions may make a necropsy difficult- for example if a rabbit passes on a Saturday, or if the foster parent cannot get the rabbit to the vet hospital.