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Protocol for Shipping Necropsy Specimens

- Carcasses should not be frozen!
-Refrigeration prior to shipment is recommended
- The feathers or fur of necropsy specimens should be wet down prior to wrapping in paper towels
- Place the paper towel wrapped carcass in a sealed Ziploc bag
- Place bagged carcass in an insulated container with sufficient ice packs to keep specimen cool for approximately 48 hours. (PLEASE DO NOT USE LOOSE ICE CUBES)
- Paperwork should be placed inside a sealed Ziploc bag on the OUTSIDE of the insulated container.
- Please ship package, overnight, to arrive TUESDAY through FRIDAY only. The Infectious Diseases Laboratory DOES NOT accept packages on Saturday or Sunday.
- Specimens that cannot be shipped on those days or within that time frame should be refrigerated until shipped.