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Fenway Foundation
For friesian horses

Necropsy reports can provide invaluable information in unlocking the mysteries. Fenway Foundation is committed to helping unlock the mysteries through necropsy reports. If you've already had a necropsy report done, the Foundation asks that you consider donating it. The Fenway Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law (provided no goods or services are provided in exchange for your generous donation). The Foundation is also prepared to provide financial assistance to obtain necropsy reports.

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Dear Friesian owner,

Despite our best efforts, every Friesian owner will eventually bid farewell to a beloved Friesian horse. Many times their departure will be after a long and rewarding life. Unfortunately there will be times when our horse’s departure will be totally unexpected and completely premature; in those occurrences we at the Fenway Foundation, in cooperation with the FHANA Health Committee and researchers from around the world, hope to learn from those events. To accomplish this we need your help. This form, when filled out by an experienced equine practitioner will help us to, hopefully, unlock some of the mysteries of the Friesian Horse.

The Utrecht University is in the advanced stages with their research focusing on the following issues: dwarfism, hydrocephalus, aorta rupture and mega-esophagus with Prof. Dr. Willem Back, heading the research team. The FHANA Health Committee in cooperation with the Fenway Foundation under the direction of Prof. Dr. Back has concluded that the best way Friesian owners can contribute and help the Friesian population here in North America is to collect and preserve samples and record all of the information. This will identify the carriers and will help in the near future to narrow down the markers on the genome.

To gain the precise information regarding these issues Prof. Dr. Back requests the following information:

When presented with Foals afflicted with Dwarfism or Hydrocephalus:

- **Fetus:** Digital pictures
  - Frozen ear(s) 4x4 cm (1.5” x 1.5”)
  - Identification of sire

- **Mare:** Photocopy of registration paper
  - Two EDTA vials of blood (cooled, if possible)
  - Term (length) of pregnancy
  - Hair sample (if not on file with FHANA)

When presented with Horses who depart due to Aortic Rupture or Mega-Esophagus:

- Good clinical diagnosis report
- Detailed post mortem report with digital pictures
- Histopathology report if available
- Frozen tissue (skin) taken along the incision line. 4x4 cm (1.5” x 1.5”)
- Two EDTA vials of blood (cooled, if possible)
- Photocopy of registration paper

The Foundation requests that all information be forwarded to the Fenway Foundation. Genetic materials will be redirected to the appropriate laboratory facilities for study and analysis. Completed necropsy reports will be shared among the scientific community for study, analysis and hopefully conclusions that will allow Friesian owners to learn more about this magnificent breed.

We strongly urge all Friesian owners to keep this report in an accessible place or to put it into the hands of your Veterinarian for the fateful day when the form will have to be completed. Your Vets, at that point, will professionally and sensitively, collect your horse’s final gift, information that may lead to a longer, healthier and happier life for all Friesian horses.

Additional forms can be downloaded at the Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses website, FenwayFoundation.com.
GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING A FIELD NECROPSY
(The Foundation will reimburse for Necropsies on Friesians 18 years old or less)

The Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses (FFFH) is interested in acquiring as much information as possible when the unfortunate event of an equine fatality occurs. To aid in this, limited funding is provided for necropsy exams.

• If possible, the horse should be sent to a pathology lab for the necropsy. However, if due to the location of the ride and the difficulty in transporting the horse, a necropsy performed by the attending veterinarian may be necessary.

• Please use the attached form to aid in performing the necropsy and providing the data necessary to determine the cause of death.

• Prior to beginning the necropsy exam the appropriate area and disposal of the animal should be considered. Areas away from public view and an adequate way to dispose of the body should be determined. FFFH understands this may not always be possible and therefore a necropsy may not be performed.

Field Necropsy
• A systematic approach should be used beginning with the suspected area of interest (see attached Gross Post-Mortem Examination Form).
  If an obvious cause of death is identified, document this. If a spinal cord injury is suspected referral to a facility that can remove the spinal column is recommended.

Notes:
1. For reimbursement of necropsy expenses or fees, this Gross Post-Mortem Examination Form must be returned to the Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses along with applicable veterinarian and laboratory receipts including histopath analysis.

2. If you’ve already had a necropsy report done, the Foundation asks that you consider donating it. The Fenway Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law (provided no goods or services are provided in exchange for your donation)

3. The Foundation will reimburse appropriate necropsy reports and histopath analysis upon receipt of such reports. To insure reimbursement reports must include invoices from a veterinary and laboratory practitioner. The Foundation will not cover rendering, removal, disposal, cremation, or burial of the equine cadaver. Foundation reimbursements with appropriate receipts will not exceed four hundred U.S. dollars.

4. The Foundation will share all donated or purchased reports with Friesian equine researcher partners from around the world to minimize the need to develop multiple reports.

5. By submitting this completed necropsy report and genetic material I, the Friesian horse owner, release all information contained there in to be shared with Foundation researchers and associated scientists in the pursuit of scientific study regarding Friesian Health issues.

Return all reports, genetic materials for research and appropriate invoices to:

Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses Inc.
N3398 State Road 76
Hortonville, WI 54944
Attn: Dr. Kathy Fox
**GROSS POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION FORM**

**Identification**
Owner Name __________________________ Animal Name __________________________
Address __________________________ Phone __________________________ Email __________________________
Age __________________________ Gender __________________________ Chip/Registration Number __________________________
Markings __________________________ Brief History __________________________

Date of Death __________________________ Time of Death __________________________ Cause of Death __________________________ Euthanized (Y/N) __________________________

**Gross Necropsy Findings**

1. **Skin/carcass**

2. **Musculoskeletal:** External

   Bones __________________________ Joints __________________________

   Describe specific injuries if they were the cause of death __________________________

3. **Respiratory System:** Upper __________________________ Pharynx __________________________

   Larynx __________________________ Trachea __________________________

   Bronchi __________________________ Lungs __________________________

4. **Circulatory System:** Thoracic Fluid __________________________

   Heart __________________________ Weight (if available) __________________________

   Great Vessels __________________________ Vena Cava __________________________

5. **Lymph nodes:**

6. **Digestive System:** Upper __________________________ Abdominal Cavity Fluid __________________________

   Serosal Surface __________________________ Contents __________________________

   Esophagus __________________________ Stomach __________________________

   Small Intestine __________________________ Cecum __________________________

   Large Colon __________________________ Small Colon __________________________

   Liver __________________________ Pancreas __________________________

   Spleen __________________________ Specific Comments __________________________

7. **Urogenital System:** Urine(color) __________________________ Bladder __________________________

   Ureters __________________________ Urethra __________________________

   Kidneys __________________________

   Testicles __________________________ Penis __________________________

   Ovaries __________________________ Uterus & adnexa __________________________

8. **Nervous System:** CNS (Brain) Note gross findings if evaluated or clinical signs if brain case not opened __________________________

   Spinal Cord (if evaluated, or clinical signs if suspected lesion site) __________________________

   Gross Diagnosis __________________________

   Tissues collected for histopathology __________________________

Laboratory __________________________

(attach pathologist’s report) *If an organ or system is not examined indicate with a N/E.

Veterinarian performing exam __________________________ Signature __________________________

Address __________________________ City __________________________ State/Zip __________________________

Phone Number __________________________ E-mail address __________________________