



Instructions for Shipping Legally Deceased Pet Bodies

Please note: It is the sole responsibility of the shipper to ensure all laws and shipping regulations are followed. The instructions provided are general guidelines and may require adjustments based on specific circumstances.

Preparation:

- Follow all laws required by your local jurisdiction to confirm the pet's status as legally deceased.
- During preparation for shipping, keep the body at refrigeration temperature.
- Place your pet's body in a waterproof plastic bag. Large contractor bags secured with packing tape are recommended for medium to large pets, while a sizable Ziploc bag is recommended for smaller pets such as a cat. Ensure the bag is completely sealed to prevent any leakage of body fluids.
- Surround the sealed bag with a large amount of crumpled paper towels as absorbent material to soak up any potential leaks and provide a layer of additional insulation.

Packing with Dry Ice:

- Place the bag containing your pet's body inside in a Styrofoam container.
- Add a block or two of dry ice around the bag, which can be bought from a local store. Obtain dry ice close to your shipping time to ensure it remains effective.
- The recommended amount of dry ice varies based on shipping duration, container size, and local regulations. As a general guideline, use 5.5 pounds of dry ice. The goal of using dry ice is to maintain a cool temperature and avoid room temperature conditions. Freezing of the brain is not expected over relatively short shipping durations of less than one day.
- Safety precautions need to be taken when using dry ice. Wear protective gloves to prevent frostbite. Ensure adequate ventilation when packing the container to prevent CO2 buildup, which can be hazardous.
- Seal the Styrofoam container with a small amount of packing tape to secure its contents. Do not seal the Styrofoam container airtight. Allow for gas escape to prevent pressure build-up.

Final Packaging:

- Place the sealed Styrofoam container inside a cardboard shipping box. Fill any empty spaces with packing materials to prevent movement during transit.
- Securely tape the shipping box shut.

Shipping, Labeling, and Documentation:

- Ship the package via an express delivery service that supports overnight shipping to ensure the specimen remains cool. UPS is a preferred option. The delivery address should be: 3265 Marietta St SE, Salem, OR 97317.

- Clearly label the package as required by the rules of your shipping company. For example, for UPS, you may need to write “Dry Ice” on the shipping box. <https://www.ups.com/us/en/support/shipping-support/shipping-special-care-regulated-items/hazardous-materials-guide/shippers-responsibilities/coolants-and-refrigerants.page>
- If required your shipping company, include any required documentation for biological specimens. Assuming that there is minimal likelihood that pathogens are present in the specimen, then for UPS, you may need to write “Exempt animal specimen” on the shipping box. <https://www.ups.com/us/en/support/shipping-support/shipping-special-care-regulated-items/hazardous-materials-guide/biological-substances.page>
- Contact our facility to notify us of the shipment details, such as the expected arrival time.

For any questions or further assistance, please contact us.