

Where to Ship Your Specimen

Type of Sample

Formalin fixed tissue, Non-Urgent Cytology
Specimens, Necropsy in a bottle

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Urgent Cytology, Prepared slides for 2nd
opinion, Fresh Carcass for Necropsy

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How to Ship Your Specimen

- **U.S. Mail** - Northwest ZooPath provides postage paid mailing labels for use with the United States Postal Service. Please note that delivery times may vary with this option.
- **FedEx** – Northwest ZooPath has an arrangement with FedEx which allows us to share our discount with our clients. Priority Overnight and 2nd Day “billable stamps” are available upon request. We will bill you at cost when FedEx bills us.
- **Other Priority Services** – You are welcome to use your existing accounts with UPS, DHL, etc.
- **Phoenix Central Laboratory Courier** – Clients who **already** have an account with Phoenix Central Lab in Washington may use the Phoenix Courier System to submit specimens to Northwest ZooPath. Be sure it is clearly marked as a Northwest ZooPath specimen.

How to Package Your Specimen

Formalin Fixed Tissue -

1. Securely tighten lids on all jars. Leaky packages create shipping delays.
2. Place clearly labeled formalin container in baggie or leak-proof container along with absorbent material in case the jar leaks.
3. Multiple specimens from the same animal should be submitted in one jar if possible.
4. Small animals (some amphibians, finches, mice, etc.) may be placed whole in formalin with the top of the calvarium and sternum removed or abdominal cavity open to achieve adequate fixation.
5. Place submission form in a baggie and place both bags or containers in a sturdy outer container. We recommend shipping in a small box. When shipping via FedEx, place box in clinical pouch (provided by FedEx).
6. Affix shipping labels and send.

Cytology Specimens -

1. We recommend submitting stained and unstained slides.
2. 5-slide plastic slide holders are less likely to be damaged in shipping and are preferred
3. Place slide holder in padded envelope or wrap in small piece of bubble wrap and place in manila envelope.
4. Affix shipping labels and send.

Fresh Carcass for Necropsy -

1. Always call first (pathologist availability varies)
2. Double bag carcass
3. Place paperwork in a separate baggie
4. Place carcass and paperwork in a Styrofoam container with ice packs and secure lid tightly.
5. Ship using Priority Overnight Service – we also recommend giving us your tracking #.

Shipping Tips

- Do not use large boxes unnecessarily. There are additional fees for “dimensional weight” on large boxes. There is also more potential for crushing damage on packages with excessive empty space.
- Do not mark packages for Saturday delivery unless you have made arrangements with us.
- Use sharpies or permanent markers to label your jars. Do not use felt tip pens or dry erase markers.

How to obtain shipping supplies

ZooPath provides formalin containers, submission forms, baggies, postage paid mailing labels, and FedEx billable stamps. Tissue cassettes and small boxes are available upon special request. Fees for supplies are waived if we are receiving specimens from your facility. Facilities which request supplies but do not submit a specimen will be billed for the cost of supplies. Call toll free 866-966-7284 to request supplies.