

## CHAPTER 4

# AFIP DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES AND PATHOLOGY SUPPORT FOR MWDS AND OTHER ANIMALS

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### 4-1. General information

a. The Department of Veterinary Pathology, AFIP, offers no-cost diagnostic services for all government-owned animals, and privately-owned animals belonging to individuals who are authorized to receive DOD veterinary services. AFIP also offers a second opinion consultation service for military and civilian pathologists.

b. Euthanasia of privately-owned animals must be carried out according to AR 40-905/SECNAVINST 6401.1A/AFI 48-131, paragraph 3-4, and will be documented on DD Form 1745 (Animal Euthanasia). File this form in the animal's medical record (AF Form 2110A or DD Form 2344). DD Form 1626 may be used as needed.

c. Diagnostic materials accepted by the AFIP include formalin-fixed tissue specimens, paraffin-embedded tissue specimens, stained histologic sections, cytologic preparations, radiographs and photographs.

d. See appendix A for a complete list of referenced forms and sources.

### 4-2. Surgical biopsy and cytology diagnostic material

a. Fix tissues as previously described (see para 2-10) and prepare for shipment. (See chap 5.)

b. Complete one copy of DD Form 2834 (Veterinary Consultation Request) and forward with case material. Include complete signalment (identification, species, breed, sex and age). Include pertinent clinical information. Do NOT use an SF 515 (Medical Record—Tissue Examination) in place of DD Form 2834, as important demographic and clinical information may be omitted.

Include copies of the forms mentioned in paragraph 2-8b.

c. Include a telephone number, fax number (commercial and DSN) and e-mail address. Be prepared to provide follow-up clinical information.

### 4-3. Case priorities and turn-around-times

a. *Surgical biopsy and cytology cases.* The Department of Veterinary Pathology provides consultation on surgical biopsies and cytologies. Consultation results are faxed to the contributor as soon as possible, usually within 2 to 10 days after receipt of the case material. The pathology report will also be mailed.

b. *Necropsy cases.* Consultation results for necropsy cases require several weeks to complete after receipt of the case material. The consultation letter will be faxed and mailed. Special situations justify a faster case turn-around-time. If this is the case, consult with the Department of Veterinary Pathology prior to submission of the necropsy materials. See contact information below.

### 4-4. Additional information

Direct any questions about AFIP services to the Chief, Diagnostic Services Branch, Department of Veterinary Pathology at the AFIP at DSN 662-2600; COMM 202-782-2600; COMM Fax 202-782-9150; DSN Fax 662-9150; or e-mail <afipvet@afip.osd.mil>. AFIP maintains a home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.afip.org/>.