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### Preparation for a Live Animal

If your organization needs assistance with the costs, please consider contacting the [Association of Prosecuting Attorneys](#), the [Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) or the [ASPCA](#). They may be able to provide grants.

If WVFC needs to come into your facility to exam one or more live animals, please prepare with the following:

- Radiographic images of the entire body, nose to tail, all four legs. There should be two orthogonal views for the entire body. Among other things, this allows for visualization of any projectiles or other metal objects within the body, new or old, as well as any fractures whether recent, healing, or healed. These will need to be available at the time of exam. Digital images are preferred in jpeg +/- DICOM formatting.
- Records, reports, and photos: If there are any medical records, police reports, scene photos, etc., please have those available, ideally prior to the examination.
- Supplies
  - o Gloves, powder-free, med., 1 box (more if multiple animals)
  - o Paper towels
  - o Pens: black ink, red ink, blue ink, and black Sharpie
  - o Microchip scanner, fully charged or with fresh batteries
  - o ID Collars for the animal(s)
  - o Syringes, variety of sizes, with and without needles
  - o Blood tubes:
    - Plain Red-top tubes, minimum of 5
    - White-top tubes (no additives), minimum of 5
    - Lavender-top tubes (EDTA), minimum of 5
  - o Fecal containers
  - o Parvo, Giardia, 4Dx, and/or FeLV/FIV Snap tests (as appropriate)

- o Microscope with immersion oil
  - o Microscope slides and cover slips
  - o Mineral oil
  - o Stains for slides
  - o Scalpel blades, #10 or #15
  - o Unopened toothbrushes and DTM plates
  - o Tongue depressors
  - o Otoscope/ophthalmoscope with charged battery and multiple cones
  - o Schirmer tear test strips and fluorescein stain
  - o Topical ophthalmic anesthetic drops
  - o Tonopen and supplies for it
  - o Clear tape
  - o Plastic sterile jars, minimum of 5
  - o Whirl-pak® bags, minimum of 20, variety of sizes, mostly smaller (<https://www.enasco.com/whirlpak/>)
  - o Evidence tape
  - o Evidence bags: plastic and paper, variety of sizes
  - o Evidence cardboard boxes, small
  - o Evidence envelopes, variety of sizes
  - o Arson collection cans
  - o Bacterial culture swabs (for aerobic and anaerobic bacteria)
  - o DNA collection swabs (contact [UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory](#) for these)
  - o Sterile cotton swab applicators, 1-2 per package
  - o Source of very hot water and cup/mug
  - o 70-80% ethyl alcohol (aka ethanol) and glass jars
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- Forms for chain of custody and evidence collection
  - Forms for laboratories utilized by the facility (e.g. Idexx, Antech)
  - One or more assistant(s).