

# ALPACA POST MORTEM RECORD SHEET

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| <b>Field history</b>                           |                        |  |
| Date:  | Approx. time of death: | Assessor name:                               |
| Paddock name/area:                             | Mob size:              | Average body condition score (BCS) this mob: |
| Duration of problem:                           | Number affected:       | Number dead:                                 |
| Pasture colour:                                | Pasture height (cm):   | Pasture/weed species:                        |
| Paddock shelter available: high / medium / low |                        | Extreme weather in last 24 hours: yes / no   |
| Supplements/vaccine/drench history:            |                        |  |
| Clinical signs of affected animal/s:           |                        |  |
| IAR:   | Paddock tag:           | Breed: huacaya / suri      Colour:           |
| Male / female: maiden / adult                  |                        | Cause of death:                              |

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| <b>Carcass external findings: Photos (with ear tag &amp; ruler) of carcass in situ, mouth, thorax, abdomen, gross changes</b> |  |  |
| Carcass status: <i>found dead / found alive &amp; euthanised</i>  |  | BCS:   |
| Body weight:      kg  | Estimated age/DOB:                           | Blood samples: <b>clotted / EDTA &amp; smear x 2</b> |
| Discharges from orificies*:   | Site: <i>nares / mouth / anus / genitals</i> | Type: <i>blood / pus / froth / other:</i>            |
| Predation signs: <i>yes / no</i>  | Type: <i>bird / fox / other:</i>             | Amount blood at site: <i>nil / some / lots</i>       |
| Swelling: <i>Head / jaw / legs / abdomen</i>  |  | Faecal sample/consistency:                           |
| Ears/eyes/nose/mouth*:  |  | <b>Aqueous humour in plain tube if found dead</b>    |
| Joint/s*: <i>arthritis: yes / no ; Site/s:</i>  |  | <b>Entire fresh joint/s</b> Other:                   |

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| <b>Carcass internal findings: Lay carcass on left side; reflect right legs &amp; skin neck, thorax, abdomen</b> |                                     |  |   |
| <b>Abdomen</b>  | <i>Fluid: yes / no      Colour:</i> | <i>Volume:</i>   | <b>Swab into transport media</b>                  |
| Displacements/FB/other:   |                                     | Adhesions: <i>yes / no</i> <i>fibrinous / fibrous / both</i> |   |
| Mesenteric LNs*: <i>Size</i>  | <b>Fresh &amp; fixed</b>            | SI:  | <b>Cable tie gut loop into ziplock bag</b>        |
| LI/caecum/ileocaecal valve/jejunum/duodenum*:   | <b>Fixed</b>                        | C-1: <i>pH:</i>  | <b>Fresh contents</b> C-1, C-2, C-3: <b>Fixed</b> |
| Spleen, adrenals, pancreas*:  | <b>Fixed</b>                        | C-3: <i>ulcers yes / no; parasites: yes / no</i> Type:       |   |
| Liver*: <i>size: S / WNL / L ; colour:</i>  |                                     |  | <b>Fresh &amp; fixed</b>                          |
| Kidneys*: <i>capsule peels: yes / no</i>  |                                     |  | <b>Fresh &amp; transverse section fixed</b>       |
| Ureters/bladder/urethra*:   | <b>Fixed</b>                        | Urine: <i>volume:</i>  | <i>colour:</i> <b>Sample</b>                      |
| Genitalia*:   |                                     |  | <i>Days pregnant<sup>#</sup>:</i> <b>Fixed</b>    |

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| <b>Thorax</b>                               | <i>Fluid: yes / no      Colour:</i> | <i>Volume:</i>   | <b>Swab into transport media</b> |
| Diaphragm/thorax air-tight: <i>yes / no</i> |                                     | Adhesions: <i>yes / no</i> <i>fibrinous / fibrous / both</i>           |                                  |
| Mouth/pharynx*:                             |                                     | Thyroids/thymus*: <b>Fixed</b>   |                                  |
| Oesophagus*:                                |                                     | Trachea/bronchi*: <b>Fixed</b>   |                                  |
| Lungs*:                                     |                                     | <b>Fresh &amp; fixed cranioventral &amp; caudodorsal lung &amp; LN</b> |                                  |
| Heart/pericardium*:                         |                                     | <b>Transection distal 1/3 heart fixed ± fresh</b>                      |                                  |

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| <b>Other</b>                                   | <b>Fresh &amp;/or fixed samples of any other relevant lesions</b>                     |                    |  |
| Lumbar spinal cord / brain*: <b>Fixed</b>      | <i>If neurological signs :</i> <b>Fresh brainstem, dorsal 1/3 cerebellum &amp; SC</b> |                    |  |
| Skeletal muscle & sciatic nerve*: <b>Fixed</b> | Rib or sternebra bone marrow*: <b>Fixed</b>   | Eye*: <b>Fixed</b> |  |

**Fresh tissues** into ziplock bags (yellow tops for liquids). **Fixed tissues** < 1 cm thick, into 10% formalin. Fluid:tissue at 10:1

\*Other comments: Describe lesions on reverse: Size/shape/surface/smell/colour/content/consistency/distribution/extent

<sup>#</sup>Estimated days pregnant = [maximum skull width (in mm) x 4] + 20

*If economics dictate, place all tissues with visible lesions in one pot for initial processing, submit other tissues in 2nd pot*

**Provisional diagnosis:**

**DDx:**