Cattle Postmortem Examination Guide

A cattle postmortem examination guide for steps to follow when a cow dies, covering safe handling, notes and when to involve a veterinarian. Print it and keep it handy where the work gets done.

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1. Call your veterinarian before moving the animal
2. Use gloves and protective clothing
3. Note signs seen before death
4. Photograph the animal and surroundings
5. Note any recent treatments
6. Leave examination to the veterinarian
7. Handle and dispose per state rules
8. Record what was learned

YOUR NOTES

TIP Some diseases spread to people, so protect yourself and let your veterinarian or a lab handle any internal examination.

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