

## **Necropsy Practical Program Description**

The necropsy practical is a 2 hour in-person session, conducted at the St Matthews University Clinical Teaching Facility. A small animal (dog or cat) frozen cadaver will be thawed out and necropsied by the participant(s) under the supervision of Dr Bennett.

This will be a hands-on practical session, with emphasis given to:

- The importance of dynamic risk assessment
- Identifying the cadaver
- Properly documenting the necropsy procedure
- Approaches to the dissection
  - A body systems approach
- The usefulness of collecting clinical pathology samples during necropsies
- Tests for bile duct patency, pneumothorax, weighing organs (eg. heart, liver)
- Samples useful for toxicology testing
- Accessing the central nervous system
- Safety considerations when using formalin fixative and sharps
- Safe disposal of necropsy materials and the importance of PPE

Participant(s) will fill out necropsy notes on a standard proforma, which will be reviewed by Dr Bennett, and feedback given.