

Packaging bodies for cremation

The law requires the shipper (you) to be responsible for the safety of specimens sent via courier (Land Transport Rule: Dangerous Goods 2005, IATA Packing Instruction 650). Packages must have three layers of containment and be prepared in such a way that they arrive in good condition and present no hazard to anyone during shipment. Cadavers are considered a Category B infectious substance and are assigned to UN 3373.

Materials Required: Fond Farewells cremation bags / other sturdy plastic bags / absorbent material / zip ties or secure ties / sturdy, hard, plastic, lidded-container / tape

Method:

1. Freeze deceased animal before shipping to Fond Farewells.
2. Place frozen cadaver into an approved cremation bag* (obtain from Fond Farewells) and tape the bag closed, ensuring it is as leak proof as possible.
3. Place the bagged body from step 2 into a second approved cremation bag*. Use a zip tie to close this second bag. Label the second cremation bag with the animal, owner and clinic name.
4. Complete a Fond Farewells submission form and include all required details including instructions for any memorial items required. Place submission form in clear envelope on outside of cremation bag.
5. Place the frozen, double bagged body with submission form into a sturdy, hard, plastic, lidded-container, add sufficient absorbent material (paper towels or similar) to ensure any potential leaks will be absorbed during transit.
6. Use zip ties and tape to secure the lid to the container to ensure it is leak proof.
7. Ensure the package is clearly labelled as "UN 3373 BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE, CATEGORY B" on the outside (you can use the label on the reverse of this flyer) and clearly addressed to Fond Farewells.
8. Send the same day or overnight by courier

Notes:

1. *Cardboard boxes and polystyrene chilly bins must NOT be used.*
2. *The plastic transport containers will be returned to you for reuse.*
3. *Approved cremation bags, secure zip ties and hard plastic containers can be purchased from Fond Farewells if required.*
4. *Couriers must be assisted with all submissions over 25kg. Failure to assist the courier with lifting heavy freight will result in the courier being unable to transport the freight.*

* Approved cremation bags must be used for packaging as they need to be compliant to be placed in our cremators.

See overleaf for an address label for packages. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact us on 0508 366 332.

References: [Land Transport Rule: Dangerous Goods 2005](#)
[Ministry of Transport - Transporting Dangerous Goods safely](#)
[IATA Packing Instruction 650](#)

The label below can be printed out, completed and attached to the chilly bin / shipping container for shipping:

TO:

FOND FAREWELLS

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FROM:

Telephone:

