

PROTOCOL: What to do in the event of an EAZA EEP/ESB great ape death

In the event of a great ape death within your collection, please do the following:

1. Ensure a full post-mortem examination is performed

Please follow any recommendations provided within the best practice guidelines

2. Examine and sample the heart according to the Ape Heart Project protocol performed

A copy of this protocol can be found at:

<https://twycrosszoo.org/conservation/research-at-twycross-zoo/current-research/ape-heart-project/>

Under the section named *“Forms and protocols”*

3. Inform the vet advisor and relevant species co-ordinator

4. Arrange for the necessary samples to be sent to the Ape Heart Project

Please refer to the document entitled *“Important information for the donation of research samples to the Ape Heart Project/Cardiac sample biobank”*

EAZA Great Ape TAG Endorsed Ape Heart Project/Cardiac Sample Biobank

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