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**

   A copy of this protocol can be found at:
   [twycrosszoo.org/conservation/research-at-twycross-zoo/ape-heart-project/](twycrosszoo.org/conservation/research-at-twycross-zoo/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 sending samples to the Ape Heart Project” and contact us by email