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Veterinary Waste in the ACT

The ACT waste guidelines for waste disposal have included a category of “Veterinary Waste” for some time. “Veterinary Waste” includes all animal tissue which does not constitute a zoonotic risk, and soiled diagnostic and nursing waste. It excludes waste which is potentially infectious to humans, sharps, pharmaceutical and cytotoxic waste, and exotic disease waste. A category of Trade Waste also exists and includes anything which is non-infectious and aesthetically acceptable (waste paper etc).

Veterinary Waste must be disposed of at a tip face under the supervision of a tip attendant, but does not need to be transported by a licensed operator and incinerated. Veterinary Waste must be in sealed bags labelled with two (2) labels which conform with ACT Government requirements – one near the neck and one on the base of the bag.

ACT government approved labels will be the only acceptable labels for this purpose.

Division has negotiated a very good price for these labels on your behalf, given the relatively small print run. Labels come on rolls of 200. The cost is \$65.00 per roll including GST, or 32 cents per label or 64 c per bag of waste – compare this with the cost of collection and disposal by Stericorp!

Labels may be purchased from the AVA ACT Office at the address above – postage may be available at additional cost.

On your behalf, we continue to thank the brokers of this deal in 2003 being, Drs Michael Banyard, Randal Lemin, Pat Boland and Rob Boxall who contributed greatly to the course of negotiations with the ACT Government, the development of the “Memorandum of Understanding”.

Yours sincerely,

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