# Protocol - piglet mortality

Training and communication on causes and judgment of pig mortality, and thorough documentation of this is essential in the management of pigs held for research purposes.

## General information

For dead piglets, the following should be registered: Litter and pig ID, date, weight the day of death, if the piglet were found dead or euthanized and suspected cause(s) of death or reason(s) for euthanization (see example list below).

Farrowing day or night?

## Cause of death or reason for euthanization

**Cause Description**

*Examples: Examples:*

Still birth No air in lungs (test lung in water)

Malformation Visual congenital malformation

Undeveloped Not fully developed at birth

Low birth weight >800g

Crushed by sow Clear signs of crushing damage

Starvation Low growth, empty stomach and intestines

Disease Specify the disease, e.g. diarrhea,

Trauma Specify

Other Specify

Unknown Specify