

Thank you for considering our companion animal body donation program. Please complete the forms that apply to your situation. After we review them, we will reach out if we have any questions, and to let you know if we can accept your generous donation.

**Informed Consent for Animal Whole Body Donation:** Please sign this form so we can accept the donation.

**Animal History:** We use this form to help decide if we can accept the donation. Please answer each question as clearly and accurately as you can. If anything changes, please let us know.

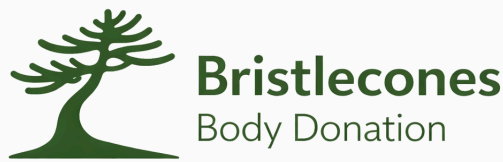
**Return of Animal Partial Remains:** Use this form to tell us if you would like the animal's partial remains returned and how you would like them returned.

### **Submitting Your Packet**

The forms can be sent to us

by **email** to [info@bristlecones.org](mailto:info@bristlecones.org) with the subject line: "Donation (Last Name, First Name)", please scan or photograph the completed and signed forms;  
or by **mail**, please mail the printed, completed, and signed forms to:

Bristlecones Body Donation Inc.  
650 NE Holladay Street, Suite 1600 A  
Portland, Oregon 97232



## **Information about Animal Body Donation**

**What is animal body donation?** Animal body donation means agreeing to donate the body of a companion animal after their death for research and education. It is a generous act that helps advance science.

**What is Bristlecones Body Donation?** Bristlecones Body Donation (Bristlecones) is an organization that coordinates whole body donation for scientific research. We currently accept human body donations in the state of Washington, and animal body donation in the states of Washington and Oregon. We cannot guarantee that a donation will be used for any specific study or purpose. However, most of our work supports research focused on how the brain works. This type of research can lead to better treatments for brain diseases—both for humans and animals.

**How does animal body donation contribute to science?** Animal anatomical donation contributes to the reduction of the number of laboratory animals used in research. Equally importantly, unlike laboratory animals, companion animals may naturally develop neurological diseases that are similar to human ones—for example, cats and dogs can develop so-called cognitive dysfunction syndromes, similar to Alzheimer’s disease.

**What is animal body donation for advanced brain research?** Some advanced brain research is possible only if the brain can be preserved as quickly as possible, to limit damage caused by the lack of oxygen. This brain preservation can be greatly helped by medication that prevents blood clotting. This means that the veterinarian would need to administer this medication before the end-of-life medication, immediately before the preservation.

**What costs will be covered by Bristlecones Body Donation?** If we accept the donation, we will cover costs directly related to the donation process and all the costs associated with the distribution of anatomical material for research. The cost we will cover includes any testing required by us and transportation. We will cover the cost of cremation of partial remains—the part of the body that remains after anatomical material is removed for research. Based on your

choice, we will also cover either scattering the cremated partial remains or returning them to a designated recipient. We will not be responsible for any other costs—this includes any expenses that occur after we return the partial remains.

**What happens if the donation cannot be accepted or the consent is revoked?** If this happens, Bristlecones will not charge for any expenses, such as the cost of tests, that we require to consider the donation. However, Bristlecones Body Donation or its associated agents will not be responsible for any costs related to the death or disposition of the remains. In this situation, the animal owner will be responsible for making alternative arrangements for the disposition of the animal's remains and for any associated costs.

**What will happen to the animal's body and can any remains be returned?** All animal anatomical material will be treated with respect and following strict ethical standards. We review the details of the planned research to ensure these standards will be followed before we distribute anatomical material to scientific organizations. These organizations may keep the material long-term and may not return it to us. Unless you make another choice, we will cremate any anatomical material that remains with us, or is returned to us, and is no longer needed for research. We will then scatter respectfully these cremated remains. You may also choose for them to be returned to a designated recipient. We prefer this option as it will allow us to express our gratitude in person.

**Will any anatomical material be used for treatment?** Donation to our organization is not compatible with organ or tissue donation for any treatment. Under no circumstances will the donated tissue, organs, or other anatomical material be implanted in humans or animals.

**Who can choose to donate the body of their companion animal?** Any adult owner can choose to do so.

**Can the decision to donate the animal body to science be changed?** Yes, it can be changed at any time before the donation takes place. Please inform us in writing.

**If the animal is alive, what steps should be taken?** We prioritize animal donations for advanced brain research, so it is imperative that we discuss the details of the process by phone or in person as soon as convenient.

**How is confidentiality maintained?** We remove any individually identifying data of the pets and their owners before sharing any data or tissue with research institutions.

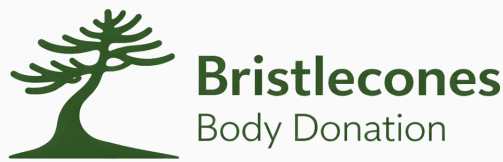
**Will Bristlecones Body Donation always accept the donation?** No. In emergency situations or due to unforeseen circumstances at the time of death, we may be also unable to accept the donation. In such cases, we may be able to provide information about other organizations that could accept the donation. However, we cannot guarantee that these organizations will be able to accept it.

**What will happen to any devices or valuable materials?** Any medical devices or valuable materials such as dental gold should be claimed prior to body donation. If they are not claimed, they may be destroyed or may not be recoverable. Unclaimed items will be disposed of in a lawful manner. This may include recycling or donation to charitable organizations, with no financial benefit to Bristlecones or any crematory.

**Will Bristlecones provide any medical report?** No. In particular, we cannot provide any information that would be relevant for diagnosis or treatment of animals related to the pet whose body was donated for research.

**Will you contact me after I submit the documents?** We will confirm that we have received your documents. We may also contact you if we need additional information. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will first contact you by email, then by phone, and finally by mail.

**Who can I contact with questions?** Please email [info@bristlecones.org](mailto:info@bristlecones.org) or, if you prefer, call us at 503 847 1477. We are happy to answer any questions and guide you through the registration and donation process. A copy of the signed forms can be provided to the animal's owner at any time.



## **Informed Consent for Animal Whole Body Donation**

I hereby provide consent for the donation of the body of my companion animal, after their death, to Bristlecones Body Donation (Bristlecones). I have had adequate time for consideration and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I confirm that the donation is motivated by altruistic reasons, without any compensation.

I understand that signing this consent form does not guarantee acceptance of the donation, and that Bristlecones may not be able to accept the donation in emergency situations or due to other unforeseen circumstances at the time of death.

I understand the costs that will be covered by Bristlecones if the donation is accepted, as outlined in the accompanying *Information about Animal Body Donation*. I also understand that if consent for body donation is rescinded in writing, or if Bristlecones is unable to accept the donation for any reason, then I will be fully responsible for making alternate arrangements for the disposition of the animal's remains, including any associated costs.

The animal's body may be preserved or dissected to prepare anatomical material for further research. Images and videos may be recorded for the purposes of research and education. I authorize storing and processing of my personal information relating to the donation as long as needed. This data will be accessed and stored securely, and shared only in a way that does not permit the identification of the owner or the animal. Anatomical material will be provided to research institutions to advance scientific knowledge and may be kept indefinitely to enable future research. No rights, title, or interest in any such results, findings, or intellectual property shall vest in the animal owner, or any party claiming through or on behalf of the owner.

Anatomical material will be provided to research institutions to advance scientific knowledge and may be kept indefinitely to enable future research. I authorize the cremation of the anatomical material that remains at Bristlecones or is returned to it, and is not needed for further research. These partial cremated remains will be scattered respectfully, unless I request them to be picked up or mailed, by completing the necessary document.

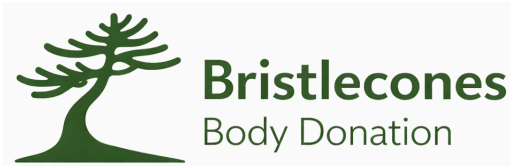
By signing, I confirm that I am an adult owner of the animal whose body is hereby donated for research. If I have questions about this consent, I can contact Bristlecones Body Donation by phone or email. This consent can be revoked at any time prior to the donation by notifying Bristlecones Body Donation in writing.

Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Animal History

The information you provide here will help maximize the benefits of the donation for research. Please fill out the animals's health history as accurately as possible. If any significant changes occur later, please let us know. If the answer to any question is "Yes," please provide details in the space provided.

Any implanted devices?  No  Unknown  Yes

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Any surgery on the brain, head, neck, or chest?  No  Unknown  Yes

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Any history of radiation (IV or implanted)?  No  Unknown  Yes

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Any long-term infections?  No  Unknown  Yes

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Any neurologic diagnoses, such as shaking, trembling, uncontrolled movements, poor coordination?

No  Unknown  Yes

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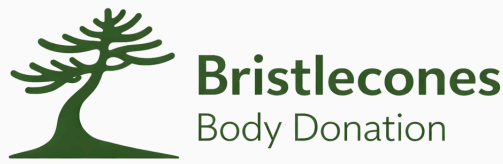
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Any diagnosis with a terminal condition?

No  Unknown  Yes

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### **Return of Partial Animal Remains**

I hereby make the following choice regarding the return of partial animal remains, by checking one of the options below:

- 1. Cremation and respectful scattering of cremated partial remains (default option)  
If you select this option or no option at all, Bristlecones Body Donation will respectfully scatter the cremated partial remains.
- 2. Cremation and return: cremated partial remains to be picked up  
A designated recipient may pick up the cremated partial remains directly from Bristlecones.
- 3. Cremation and return: cremated partial remains to be mailed  
Bristlecones will mail the cremated partial remains to a designated recipient in the United States. Note that Bristlecones does not accept responsibility for delay, loss, damage, or misdelivery once the remains have been handed to the postal carrier.

If you choose option 2 or 3, we will attempt to arrange the pickup or mailing of partial animal remains once the donation process concludes. If the Recipient of the cremated partial remains cannot be reached, we will hold the remains safely for up to one year so that alternative arrangements can be made. After one year, the remains will be respectfully scattered. Please provide the contact details for the Recipient if you choose option 2 or 3:

Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Mailing Address (only necessary if mailing has been chosen):

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My signature indicates my informed, voluntary decision about the return of partial animal remains. I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to review and ask questions about the options above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_