

SOP #: 313.01Title: SOP - Handling of Animals found Dead or Moribund

Approvals:

Attending Veterinarian

Date:

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1.1 To outline the proper procedures when an animal is found dead.

2. Responsibility

2.1 ACF Personnel

3. Definitions

3.1 ACF - Animal Care Facility

4. Guidelines

4.1 When a laboratory animal is found dead the technician on duty takes the cage out of the rack and places it in the animal procedure station.

4.2 Remove the animal and place it in a biohazard bag.

4.3 If the PI needs to collect tissue, write on the bag the following information:

4.3.1 Date, Investigator, Protocol number, Technician name, Cage number

4.3.2 If applicable, descriptive comments about the general condition of the carcass of animal found dead shall also be documented, including the cause of death (if possible).

4.4 Fill out a dead animal cage card with the same information you wrote on the bag.

4.5 Place the dead animal card in the card holder of the cage to let the investigators know that an animal has been found dead in that cage.

4.6 Place the dead animal in the refrigerator that way the investigator can find it.

4.7 Fill out the information required in the Dead Animal Log in Book.

4.8 Call the investigator's lab letting them know that a dead animal has been found.

4.9 The disposition of moribund animals shall be decided by the Attending Veterinarian in keeping with humane treatment and study protocol requirements.

4.10 If the PI doesn't need tissue collected, the animal's carcass is placed in the carcass freezer.

5. References

5.1 N/A

6. Revisions

6.1 Rev. 02 – document update.