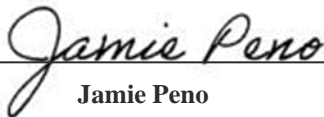
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PURPOSE

As a service to UNT LAF users, LAF staff provides supplies and storage for carcass and tissue disposal and arranges their removal from the facility. This procedure should be followed to ensure appropriate disposal methods and to allow efficient coordination with the appropriate services to discard of biohazardous wastes.

SCOPE

It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator and their research staff to follow all guidelines and procedures in the LAF and at UNT for safe disposal and to alert LAF Staff when services are needed.

It is the responsibility of LAF Management and staff to maintain stock of supplies for disposal and storage and to coordinate with appropriate services for removal.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UNT- University of North Texas, Denton

IACUC- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

AUP- UNT approved Animal Use Protocol

SOP/SOP's- Standard Operating Procedure(s)

LAF- Laboratory Animal Facility

AV- Attending Veterinarian

PI- Principal Investigator

PROCEDURES

- I. Carcass and Tissue Storage**
 - A.** Carcasses and tissues requiring disposal should be appropriately bagged and labeled for disposal. (See UNT IACUC Procedure 02-24 Biohazardous Waste and Carcass Disposal)
 - 1. Labels should be in permanent ink and include:
 - a) Species and contents
 - b) Estimated weight
 - c) Date of Euthanasia or Death
 - d) AUP#
 - 2. Tags are available in the LAF for labelling use.
 - B.** The LAF provides a dedicated freezer for storage until removal services can be arranged.
 - 1. Non-hazardous carcasses/tissues should be bagged in the black plastic bags provided by LAF and placed in the labeled carcass freezer.
 - C.** Carcasses and tissues exposed to hazardous agents and/or radiation should be disposed of in coordination with IBC and/or applicable UNT safety committees and should follow guidelines established for such.
 - 1. Use of these hazards in animals must be pre-approved by IACUC as well as IBC and applicable safety committees and procedures for appropriate disposal should be outlined in study protocols and closely adhered to.
 - 2. Investigators should communicate and coordinate use of these items and procedures required with LAF Management prior to study initiation.
 - 3. Biohazardous carcasses/tissues should be bagged in the red biohazardous bags provided by LAF and placed in the labeled carcass freezer, unless otherwise indicated by safety committees and/or approved protocols.
- II. Carcass and Tissue Disposal**
 - A.** Disposal of items stored in the dedicated and labeled LAF carcass freezer will be arranged by LAF staff through biosafety approved services such as RedAway on a regular and as needed basis.

REFERENCES

- 1. UNT Animal Research Policies and Procedures

APPENDECES

Lab Animal Facility Procedures