

## Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Number: **02-18-5010**  
Service: **Research**  
Operating Section: **Administration**  
Unit: **Comparative Medicine Facility (CMF)**  
Title: **Disposal of Animal Carcasses and Animal Waste**

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**Purpose:**

To identify requirements for disposal of non-contaminated animal carcasses and animal waste.



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**Procedure:**

- 1) Animals or animal waste contaminated with isotopes, carcinogens, or infectious agents require special consideration. Such agents must be detailed in the IACUC application where specifics of carcass handling will be determined.
- 2) In the main facility, soiled bedding, and refuse (except non-human primate waste) is dumped in the bedding disposal station on the "dirty side" of the cage wash area. This bag is placed inside a plastic bag lined 95 gal. Rubbermaid Brute barrel. This barrel is transported to the dock and dumped into the trash compactor.
- 3) Non-human primate waste is double bagged using small biohazard bags in the animal housing room. The bags are sealed, sprayed with an appropriate disinfectant, and taken to the designated red bin in the carcass holding refrigerator (003A). When the red biohazard receptacles are full, CMF transports them to the trash/recycling dock and exchanges them for empty, disinfected barrels.
- 4) Animal carcasses for disposal or necropsy should be handled with respect. Federal law and IACUC specifically requires that the Principal Investigator assure death of the animal. Carcasses should then be placed in biohazard bags for incineration or disposal.
- 5) The primary sites for the disposal of non-contaminated carcasses are as follows:
  - a. A small refrigerator in the necropsy (004A) for specimens waiting for necropsy or tissue removal. Identification on the outside of the bag is required on all carcasses for necropsy.
  - b. A walk-in refrigerator for all other carcasses in room 003A.
  - c. Waste material in cages generated in Cancer Center rooms 310 and 312 are left on pallets in the room. CMF takes the cages to the CTRE dirty cage room daily.
- 6) All carcasses are put in biohazard bags and placed in the appropriate bin.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

### APPROVALS

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