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Animal Carcass Disposal SOP

The intent of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the procedure for animal carcass disposal. This procedure is approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Stonehill College. Any exemption must be approved by the IACUC prior to its application.

- 1. Introduction:** Animal carcasses must be disposed of safely, so they do not contaminate animals, facility employees or the community at large.

- 2. Purpose:** To ensure that all animal carcasses are disposed of in a manner that is compliant with all regulations.

- 3. Materials:**
 - Found Dead forms
 - Small plastic bag
 - Refrigerator
 - Freezer

- 4. Procedures:**
 - a. After animals are euthanized following according to the established Guidelines for Euthanasia:
 - Record any cage eliminations within the animal room on the daily census sheet.
 - Place the carcass in a small plastic bag that is stored in the animal room.
 - If the investigator wants the carcass saved, place the carcass in the refrigerator for up to 48 hours. If the investigator has not done anything with the carcass after 48 hours place the carcass in the freezer.
 - If the Principal Investigator does not want the carcass saved, place the carcass in the freezer.

 - b. If animal is found dead:
 - Place an “Animal Found Dead” form on the cage. If no animals are left in the cage, place the animal found dead along with the cage card in the space where the cage was located.
 - Record any cage eliminations within the animal room on the daily census

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sheet.

- Notify the research lab that an animal was found dead.
- c. Follow the instructions from the Principal Investigator found on the inside door on the animal room that refers to whether the investigator wants the carcass saved or not.
- d. Animal Care Technicians will pack up the carcasses in a biohazard box lined with a biohazard bag on a scheduled basis.