

## **CERVICAL DISLOCATION POLICY**

### **Background**

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) at the National Institute of Health (NIH) requires that methods of euthanasia will be consistent with the current [AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals](#) unless another method is justified for scientific reasons and approved by the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

### **Policy**

Animals may be euthanized by cervical dislocation without anesthesia, if the animal is less than 200 grams, only by individuals who have been trained and demonstrated proficiency in the technique and approved on a protocol to do so. An IACUC-approved list of trainers is available from the Lab Animal Research Core (LARC) Administration. The protocol must contain adequate scientific justification for cervical dislocation to be performed on conscious animals. Animals must be monitored after cervical dislocation and death must be confirmed by a secondary method.

### **Applicable To:**

All UMKC faculty, staff, employees and students involved in the care or use of animals owned by the UMKC.

### **Revisions to the Policy:**

This policy is intended to be flexible and readily adaptable to changes in regulatory requirements. The UMKC IACUC has the authority to amend this policy as needed. The UMKC IACUC has reviewed and approved this policy.