

SOP: **LARC-10**

Title: **Process & Disposal of Animal Carcasses**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the method for disposing of non-radioactive carcasses or containing infectious agents. This SOP applies to animal carcasses at the Laboratory Animal Research Core's animal facilities on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

POLICY

It is LARC policy to meet or exceed all federal, state, local regulations and institutional policies/procedures as they apply to the use of animals in research. Personnel must attend any applicable training in animal care and use, occupational health and safety, equipment operation, and Standard Operating Procedures prior to performing activities outlined in this SOP or work under the direct supervision of a trained LARC staff member.

REFERENCES

- A. Laboratory Animal Research Core Personnel
- B. *The Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals "The Guide"*
- C. Office Of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
- D. *HU-09 Finding Sick or Dead Animals*
- E. *HU-04 Husbandry Procedures for Rodents*

PROCEDURES

A. Dead Animal Placement

- a. Animal's dead are placed in designated carcasses freezers according to *HU-04 Husbandry Procedures for Rodents* and *HU-09 Finding Sick or Dead Animals*.

B. Disposal

- a. After 72 hours of holding, animal carcasses that were in their designated container or envelop according to what day they were euthanized/died are placed with all other carcasses in order to be ready for disposal by means of designated vendor pick-up.
- b. When vendor arrives, carcass bags (not ones in the death date containers) are placed in biohazard barrels for pick-up, vendors usually arrive bi-weekly.

C. Schedule for Holding Carcasses

- a. Before vendor pick-ip, carcasses are held for 72 hours to give researcher adequate time to retrieve carcasses. The below is the schedule for disposing of these carcasses.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dispose Carcasses Found Dead On	No Carcasses Disposed	Dispose Carcasses Found Dead On	No Carcasses Disposed	Dispose Carcasses Found Dead On
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	NA	Friday	NA	Saturday Sunday Monday