

SOP: **LARC-12**

Title: **Euthanasia of Animals**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the method for euthanizing animals. This SOP applies to animals housed 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. Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations (AWA & AWR's)
- E. *AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia*, June 2007 (American Veterinary Medical Association)

PROCEDURES

A. Guidelines

- a.** Procedures/methods for euthanasia of animals will be performed according to the *AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia*, June 2007, which found in the UMKC IACUC Handbook and at the following link:

<http://www.umkc.edu/ors/iacuc/>