



# Euthanasia

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## Euthanasia techniques follow the approved methods of AABP and/or AVMA.

### Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Euthanasia techniques following AABP and/or AVMA guidelines ensures euthanasia with minimized pain and suffering.

### Corrective Action

MCAP

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## Carcass disposal is conducted using the appropriate method.

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Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Carcass disposal in appropriate method ensures further biosecurity and animal health.

### Corrective Action

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## **The written herd health plan has a written protocol for euthanasia that includes language specific to areas of euthanasia;**

- language specific to criteria used to recognize animals that are to be euthanized?
- language specific to euthanasia method that aligns with the approved methods of AABP and/or AVMA
- language specific to how carcasses are disposed of using appropriate method

### **Rationale**

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. A written protocol for non-ambulatory animal management ensures consistent training to and implementation of the protocol and enhanced animal care.

### **Corrective Action**

MCAP (all components need to be present within protocol)

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## Individuals with euthanasia responsibilities have been trained annually on written protocol for euthanasia.

### Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Training individuals with euthanasia responsibilities to a written protocol for euthanasia ensures consistent training to and implementation of the protocol and enhanced animal care.

### Corrective Action

MCAP – *Employees*  
CIP – *Family*

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