

**Clemson University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**

Policy Number: 3.14

Policy Title: The Use of Dead Vertebrate Animals

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the use of dead vertebrate animals.

Section 2: Scope

This policy applies to all dead vertebrate animals used by Clemson University personnel.

Section 3: Policy

Dead Animal Use and Animal Use Protocol (AUP) Requirements

An IACUC approved AUP is required if an animal is to be euthanized for the purpose of using the carcass, tissues, or samples in research, testing, teaching, or demonstration. An AUP is not required if the animal is euthanized for other purposes and the carcass, tissue, or sample collection is an opportunistic collection.

Training Requirements

All personnel utilizing dead animals or tissues must be enrolled in the Medical Surveillance Program (MSP). Information on enrollment procedures can be found on the MSP website: <https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/centers-institutes/sullivan/patients/services/medical-surveillance.html>. Please note that you are not considered enrolled until your MSP forms have been fully completed, reviewed by the Occupational Health Nurse, and you have received an enrollment confirmation email.

Disposal of Carcasses, Tissues, and Samples

Just as animals utilized under an AUP, carcasses, tissues, and samples must be safely disposed of according to Occupational and Environmental Safety guidelines. Contact the Office Occupational and Environmental Safety for disposal guidance.