



INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON AND REGIONAL CAMPUSES

Biosafety and Biohazard Committee

Animal Carcass Donation

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Effective: *September 30, 2009*

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Responsible University Officer:

Biological Safety Director

Policy Owner:

Institutional Biosafety Committee and Institutional Biohazard Committee

Policy Contact:

Biological Safety Director

Reason for Policy

To inform individuals that donations of carcasses of vertebrate animals used in research studies at IU to outside entities (i.e., wildlife rehabilitation centers, public museum exhibits, K-12 schools) for non-research purposes is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Institutional Biosafety Committee.

Scope

All investigators wishing to donate animal carcasses should read and adhere to this policy.

Procedures

1. Unless prior approval is obtained from the Institutional Biosafety Committee, no carcasses of vertebrate animals used in IU research studies may be donated to any outside entity. This policy does not apply to the donation of carcasses or tissues to investigators involved in collaborative research projects at other research institutions (e.g., universities, corporate research divisions, government research agencies) or to scientific research collections at museums. If carcasses to be donated are from research animals subject to Institutional Biosafety Committee oversight at IU (e.g., carcasses from transgenic or pathogen-infected animals), comparable oversight should be in place at the receiving institution and all biosafety regulations pertaining to the transport of such materials must be followed.

Sanctions

Violations of university policies, including the donation of ineligible animal carcass(es), will be dealt with in accordance with applicable university policies and procedures, which may include disciplinary actions up to and including termination from the university.

Related Information

N/A

History

Version 1: This is a new policy created in 2009.

Version 2: Language was updated to allow donation of animal carcasses for certain research purposes.