

POLICY AND PROCEDURE BULLETIN

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POLICY TITLE: Euthanizing Wildlife
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DIVISION: Animal Control

REASON FOR THIS BULLETIN (Check One):

- NEW POLICY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH
- REVISION OF A POLICY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH
- NEW POLICY APPROVED BY THE HEALTH DIRECTOR
- REVISION OF A POLICY APPROVED BY THE HEALTH DIRECTOR
- POLICY IMPLEMENTED PENDING HEALTH DIRECTOR APPROVAL
- REVISION OF AN IMPLEMENTED POLICY NEVER ADOPTED BY THE HEALTH DIRECTOR
- DELETIONS
- PLEASE DELETE ENTIRE POLICY
- REVIEWED WITH NO CHANGES

NOTE: Any copy of this policy that shows an earlier date should be discarded.

COMMENTS:

AUTHORIZATIONS:

DIVISION MANAGER _____ DATE _____

ADMINISTRATION _____ DATE _____

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AGENCY (ies): Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
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POLICY STATEMENT:

- I. The Department will provide Animal Control Officers with a means of humanely euthanizing seriously injured or sick wildlife, which have no chance for survival, and would continue to suffer from pain unless euthanized. All skunks removed from a residence and bats to be tested ~~for rabies~~ shall be euthanized in the field to prevent a future nuisance, odor problem, or escape due to their small size.
- II. No domestic dog or cat shall be euthanized by an Animal Control Officer.
- III. Animals which have been euthanized by a drug shall not be used for slaughter of human consumption.
- IV. ~~All euthanasia drugs shall be kept in a locked compartment or cab of the Animal Control Officer vehicle. At the end of the shift, each Officer should bring the drugs into the office for locking in a secure area until the beginning of the officer's next shift. All supply storage of the drug shall be kept in a locked cabinet. The Department will follow Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration regulations for purchase and use of any euthanasia drug. This will include completing an annual renewal of the Department DEA registration Form 225. The Department will follow all DEA rules and regulations for the storage and use of any DEA controlled substances (Sodium Pentobarbital (for example: Fatal Plus). The drug shall be obtained from a consulting veterinarian and quantity obtained and used shall be recorded by the Officers and Manager. The Department will dispose of any expired drugs or drugs that can no longer be used in accordance with the DEA regulations.~~

PROCEDURE:

- I. ~~The Animal Control Officers~~ Division Manager and Field Supervisor will be responsible for maintaining the necessary supplies, will maintain the necessary euthanasia drug and disposable syringes and needles, in a drug box. Accurate records (Exhibit 1) of use of all drugs must be kept by each officer. Ledger of recorded use (Exhibit 2 & 4) will be kept by the Manager.
- II. Each ~~vehicle officer~~ will be equipped with a jab pole for use in euthanizing skunks and other wildlife where there is danger from the animal biting or clawing.

- III. Wildlife may be euthanized if the following criteria is met:
- A. The animal is a skunk and cannot be released in the wild or
 - B. The animal is a bat and the nature of exposure requires testing for rabies (Exhibit 1) or
 - C. The animal is seriously injured or sick and will not recover if taken to Wildlife Rescue, and euthanization of said animal will eliminate undue pain and suffering.
- IV. The Animal Control Officer will exercise good judgment and follow all procedures outlined in this policy. ~~some basic guidelines when using the euthanizing drug~~
- A. All syringes and needles used for euthanasia shall be disposed of ~~and shall be placed in~~ by placing them in the medical Sharps ~~hazardous material~~ container provided. Each officer will have a container and one container will be kept in the Animal Control office. ~~All This containers,~~ when full will be turned over to the Health Department Lab for proper disposal.
 - B. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to prevent additional pain and suffering to the animal.
 - C. The body of the animal, if not required for rabies testing, shall be placed in a sturdy, sealed plastic bag and placed in the Humane Society dumpster.
- V. Sodium Pentobarbital injectable (for example: Fatal Plus) will be the only drug used by Animal Control Officers to euthanize wildlife. Staff from The Capital Humane or Emergency Veterinary Clinic may be used to euthanize wildlife when the Animal Control Officer cannot perform the euthanasia procedure.
- A. Sodium Pentobarbital injectable will be kept and stored in a DEA approved controlled substance storage cabinet. Sodium Pentobarbital injectable will not be kept in any animal control vehicle and will be only used in the field as described in Part VI. Section B. No Animal Control officer shall take Sodium Pentobarbital injectable from the Animal Control premises without approval from the Field Supervisor.
 - B. Any animal that needs to be euthanized by Sodium Pentobarbital injectable shall be brought back to Animal Control (3140 N St.) to be euthanized. Exceptions include injured deer when they pose a safety threat and sick or injured skunks when rabies infection is suspected.
 - C. The Division Manager and Field Supervisor will have access to the Sodium Pentobarbital injectable. If the Field Supervisor and Division Manager are unavailable, the Field Supervisor will provide the ACO II on duty with instructions on how to access the Sodium Pentobarbital injectable.

D. Any officer using Sodium Pentobarbital injectable will be responsible for keeping accurate records of use of Sodium Pentobarbital injectable. (Exhibit 2) The use of Sodium Pentobarbital injectable will be tracked and logged and maintained in two separate locations. (Exhibit 3) All records will be kept in accordance with DEA monitoring and tracking requirements.

E. Officers will follow the Sodium Pentobarbital injectable recommended dosage chart for euthanizing animals with the Sodium Pentobarbital injectable drug. Said chart accompanies this Policy and is incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit 4. This is a minimum dosage recommendation and more Sodium Pentobarbital injectable may be needed to assure that a humane euthanasia procedure is completed. A successful procedure also requires that an accurate estimate of its weight be made.

F. The Field Supervisor will keep a log of the expiration dates on all Sodium Pentobarbital injectable and disposal of any expired Sodium Pentobarbital injectable (Exhibit 5) in accordance with DEA and Environmental regulations (Sections 304 and 1008 (21 USC 824 and 958) of Controlled Substance Act of 1970.

VI. Bat Euthanasia Procedure for On-Call Officers

- A. All bats that meet the criteria for testing will be humanely euthanized and sent to Kansas State University, Veterinarian Services for testing.
- B. Animal Control officers will capture bat(s) and return them to Animal Control for euthanasia.
- C. On call officers shall put the live bat(s) (one each) in a clear well ventilated plastic container. The plastic container shall have a sealable lid and taped securing the lid to the container.
- D. The container shall be clearly marked with victim or pet identification information for preparation and shipping to Kansas State University for rabies testing. Each live bat captured will be further secured by placing the bat containers in a large ventilated clear plastic tub with a locking lid.
- E. The morning after the on call shift ends and the A shift officers come on duty the ACO II on duty will check the plastic container to determine if any live bats need to be euthanized. If there are bats to be euthanized, the ACO II will follow this policy for euthanasia with Sodium Pentobarbital injectable.
- F. The euthanized bats will be processed one at a time. The officer euthanizing the bat will be responsible to assure that bats are properly labelled and those person(s) and/or pet(s) exposed to said bat have accurate records and information contacting them to the bat(s) they had contact with.
- G. Once the bat has been processed and is ready for testing, it will be placed in the Animal Control refrigerated area until packaged and sent to Kansas State University for testing.

Nature of Exposure to Bat that requires testing of Rabies

1. Bat found in a room with a child
2. Adult awoke to find a bat in the room
3. Bat was found in a room with a mentally impaired or intoxicated person
4. Person encounters bat by chance and there is a possible human contact,
5. Bat was known to have been brought into the house by a pet
6. Bat was possibly brought into the house by a pet
7. Pet was found playing with a bat

Drug Slip Completed by the Officer

Date: _____ Officer: _____
Call #: _____

Drug:
 Fatal + _____ cc
 Other _____ cc

of: 2" Dart _____ 1" Dart _____ Syringe _____
 Jabpole Other

Animal Type:
 Raccoon Opossum Skunk Squirrel
 Bird Bat Rabbit Other _____

Reason: Rabid Injured Other: _____

Address where animal was picked up:

Purpose: Euthanasia

Recorded Supervisor Approving: _____

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RECOMMENDED DOSAGE FOR EUTHANSIA

WEIGHT OF ANIMAL
BY POUNDS

SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL
INJECTABLE

10	1.0 CC
20	2.0 CC
30	3.0 CC
40	4.0 CC
50	5.0 CC
60	6.0 CC
70	7.0 CC
80	8.0 CC
90	9.00 CC
100	10.00 CC

ANIMAL CONTROL DRUG DISPOSAL RECORD

DATE	DRUG	AMOUNT SENT FOR DISPOSAL AND BOTTLE #'s	DISPOSAL COMPANY	Employee Handing Over Custody For Disposal
3/1/2015	Fatal Plus	500 ml (2 bottles) FA-15-1 FA-14-1	Clean Harbors	Smith