

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

FROM: Steve Beal, Division Manager, Animal Control Division

DATE: July 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed revisions to Policy Number 300.66: Euthanizing Wildlife
Proposed deletion of Policy Number 300.55: Tranquilizing and Chemical Immobilization

Please find attached Animal Control policy revisions related to euthanizing wildlife and tranquilizing animals. The two policies affected are **Policy Number 300.66 Euthanizing Wildlife** and **Policy Number 300.55 Tranquilizing or Chemical Immobilization**. The Department is recommending the complete deletion of Policy Number 300.55. Animal Control has not used tranquilizing or chemical immobilization procedures or practices for over the past five years.

The procedures for euthanizing wildlife have changed and the new procedures are outlined in the attached proposed policy revisions. Animal Control uses only one drug, Fatal Plus for euthanizing wildlife. The revisited policy covers the procedure for how Fatal Plus will be used, stored, reported and tracked in written logs as required by the DEA.

There is also a new area that defines the bat euthanasia procedure. Most of the wildlife euthanasia necessary for rabies testing involves bats. Raccoons, opossums, rabbits, skunks, squirrels are occasionally euthanized by Animal Control officers and some may be tested for rabies if needed. Euthanasia procedures are also performed by the Capital Humane Society.

Animal Control Officers do not euthanize domestic animals. Euthanasia of domestic animals are done by the Capital Humane Society or a local veterinarian.

The policy revisions have will be reviewed by the Animal Control Advisory Committee at their July 28, 2015 meeting.

The Animal Control Division recommends approval of the proposed revision of Policy Number 300.66 and the deletion of Policy Number 300.55.