

Euthanasia

Item 3 – Euthanasia Methods for Amphibians, Birds and Rodents

The use of physical means of euthanasia (such as decapitation or cervical dislocation) without prior anesthesia is discouraged at SUNY Upstate in accordance with the [AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2020 Edition](#). Before using any physical method, an animal must first be rendered unconscious by means of anesthesia if practical for the age and species under consideration. Scientific justification is required for use of any physical method of euthanasia without prior anesthesia and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All personnel using physical methods alone must be instructed in the specific methods and their technique approved by the DLAR staff.

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