

Miscellaneous

Item 1 – Reporting Unusual or Unexpected Animal Deaths

Any unusual animal deaths or significant health related problems (due to environment or human error) during the care or use of animals at SUNY Upstate must be reported immediately to the DLAR office, Room 4159, Weiskotten Hall (Ext. 4-6563).

A trained/experienced person may take immediate action, prior to notification, to prevent any further animal suffering. This would include removing the animals from the cause of the distress, and may include euthanizing obviously distressed animals.

If the incident occurs during non-office hours a call should be placed to the person on-call. This information is listed outside room 4159 in Weiskotten Hall.

Please be prepared to provide:

- a verbal description of the incident
- date and time of the incident
- location
- animal species
- numbers of animals involved
- identification of animals
- personnel involved
- as well as any other relevant details

The Attending Veterinarian will conduct an initial inspection of the incident and determine, in conjunction with the reporting person, the best immediate course of action to be taken in order to minimize pain and distress to any remaining animals. They will also provide the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) with all available information about the incident. The IACUC will recommend the proper permanent action needed to fully resolve the problem. The IACUC will notify the investigator/instructor involved and provide them with an opportunity to respond to the action recommended to resolve the problem. The IACUC will be responsible for maintaining a file documenting the incidents, committee review and actions taken or recommended to rectify the problems identified. The IACUC will also be responsible for notifying the federal regulatory agencies, as necessary.

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