



**TITLE:** Procedures for Disposal of Biohazardous Research/Instructional Animal Tissues/Carcasses by the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL)

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**Procedure:**

- Researchers and Animal Resources (AR) personnel must tag all animal tissues &/or carcasses designated for disposal by OADDL in order to communicate the following information:
  - Date
  - PI Name
  - ACUP #
  - Biological Agent (if applicable)
  - Biosafety Level
  - Approved Disposal Method (general landfill or communal cremation)
- Researchers and AR personnel will double bag animal tissues &/or carcasses using heavy duty bags to prevent leakage. Large animals will be identified by a tag on hoof/horn or other easily identified site.
- Researchers and AR personnel will separate bagged tissues &/or carcasses that are tagged *biohazardous* from those bags that do not contain biohazardous materials before transporting the two separate collections of tissues &/or carcasses to the OADDL. ***Biohazardous and/or transgenic animals will be sent to a crematory for disposal, applicable charges apply.***
- Tags will be removed by OADDL personnel before the bagged tissues &/or carcasses are sent to the landfill, or transferred to the crematory.

**Tags** (available to researchers via AR Facility):

- **Orange Tags** for use with biohazardous or transgenic material
- **White Tags** for non-biohazardous material
  - To purchase Tags, please contact:

**Animal Resources**  
**101 McElroy Hall**  
**Annex 405-744-7631**

**Notification of Disposal Issues:**

- OADDL personnel will notify the Office of University Research Compliance (URC) when problems pertaining to animal tissue &/or carcass disposal arise so that URC personnel can send e-mail notifications to PIs who would be impacted.