

<b>Title: Exempt Animal Use Protocols</b>	Policy No.
	<b>IACUC-005</b>
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## 1. Reference:

Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A – Animal Welfare, Parts 1-3

## 2. Policy:

**2.1. Field Studies:** Research and/or teaching field studies are exempted from filing an animal care and use protocol and obtaining IACUC approval provided that the field studies are only observational in nature and **do not** involve capturing/trapping, physical/chemical restraint, and/or invasive procedures.

**2.2. Studies That Do Not Use Live Animals:** Research, teaching, or testing protocols that **do not** involve the care or use of live animals (*i.e.*, only involve the use of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.*) are exempt from filing an animal care and use protocol and obtaining IACUC approval provided that the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.* are obtained from an IACUC approved source and are disposed of in accordance with state law and OSU policy for disposal of hazardous/infectious/pathologic waste (see OSU Laboratory Safety Manual §5.4. – Biohazard Wastes).

**2.2.1.** IACUC approved sources for animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.*:

- US Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed dealers
- USDA inspected slaughterhouses (OSU Food Animal Products Technology Center or private commercial slaughterhouses)
- Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL) (*i.e.*, derived from animals presented for euthanasia and/or necropsy that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste.)
- Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) or (BVMTH) (*i.e.*, derived from hospital patients that die or are euthanized that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste with the consent of the client/owner.)
- Municipal pound/shelter (*i.e.*, derived from stray/unclaimed animals that are euthanized in accordance with USDA regulations, Oklahoma Statutes, and local Municipal Ordinances)
- An IACUC approved animal use protocol (*i.e.*, derived from dead animals that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste.) (***Note: An IACUC approved protocol is required if additional/special ante-mortem procedures are involved in the harvesting of tissue, blood, etc.***)
- Commercial grocery store and/or meat market (*i.e.*, fresh/frozen beef, pork, poultry, fish, *etc.*)
- Commercial vendors of preserved specimens for use in educational activities (e.g., Carolina Biological Supply, Nebraska Scientific, Wards Science).

**2.2.2.** Investigators/instructors performing research, teaching, or testing that involves the use of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.* from a source not listed in 2.2.1.

above must file a request for exemption with the IACUC that contains the following minimum information:

- The PI's name, office address, department, phone number and email address;
- A brief description of what the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, *etc.* will be used for;
- The source(s) of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.*;
- Where the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, *etc.* will be stored and/or used; and
- How the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, *etc.* will be disposed of.