

Euthanasia

GUIDELINES

Definition of Euthanasia: A good death free of pain, suffering, and anxiety. To provide as humane a death as possible for animals for whom euthanasia is the best option given medical, financial, or societal constraints.

Requirement

Euthanasia must be performed in staff pairs

Reasons for Euthanasia

- Incompatible behavior as companion
- Poor general health
- Uncontrollable pain
- Overcrowded shelter population

Daily Review for Euthanasia

Performed by veterinary technician and adoption counselor

Review dogs in isolation kennels for:

- Held minimum holding periods
- Behavior/health status
- Report of possible owner

Review dogs in adoption kennels for:

- Time made available for adoption
- Behavior/health status
- Shelter population status
- Report of possible owner

PROCEDURES		
	1. Reconfirm animal status and information	
	2. Recheck for possible identification	2a. If found, cancel euthanasia
	3. Each animal handled separately	
	Fractionous Dogs	Tame Dogs
	a. Pre-euthanasia tranquilization	a. Handler holds and comforts dog while injection given
	b. Place alone until unconscious	b. Euthanized by intravenous injection
	c. Euthanasia by intracardiac injection	c. Handler holds animal until collapses
	4. Verify death (cardiac standstill)	
	5. Bagged and placed in freezer/incinerator	

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