

### DISPOSAL OF DEAD DOMESTIC AND WILD ANIMALS

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(For assistance, please contact EHS at (402) 472-4925, or visit our web site at <http://ehs.unl.edu/>)

This SOP applies only to domestic and wild animals, and animals submitted for diagnostic purposes. It does not address research animals.

Dead animals should never be disposed of in a University dumpster. If you should discover a dead animal of small size (e.g., bird, rabbit, squirrel, etc.) on campus:

1. Ensure the animal is dead. Contact Animal Control if the animal is injured or sick (i.e., rabid) at 441-7900.
2. Cover the carcass with paper towels saturated with a disinfectant (i.e., 10% Clorox or commercial disinfectant).
3. Wait approximately 5 minutes.
4. Using tongs and disposable gloves (nitrile or rubber), place the animal and saturated towels in an appropriately sized plastic bag. Carefully remove your gloves and place them in the bag. Seal the bag.
5. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. If not readily available, wash your hands with alcohol swabs or other commercial hand disinfection solution.
6. Fill out a Dead Animal Disposal label and attach it to the sealed bag. Dead Animal Disposal labels are available through EHS.
7. Place the bag in a plastic tub or bucket and take the dead animal to the Veterinary Diagnostic Center (VDC) delivery/receiving area located on the southeast side of the building (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday).
8. Carcasses will be incinerated on site or managed through the University's pathological waste vendor.

If you should encounter a large animal (e.g., dog, deer, etc.), report the location and animal species to EHS at 472-4925. EHS will arrange for pickup.

Other management options may be available to Research and Extension Centers that do not have ready access to an incinerator or are not serviced by the University's pathological waste vendor. Contact EHS for further guidance.