



UCCS SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

20. SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD DOMESTIC AND WILD ANIMALS

(For assistance, please contact [Environmental Health & Safety](#))

This SOP applies only to dead domestic and wild animals found on campus. It does not address dead animals from home or found on public roadways, and does not address research animals.

Because of the risk of disease, dead animals should never be handled or disposed without proper training and equipment.

Dead animals on campus should be reported as soon as possible to Public Safety (719)255-3111, describing the location as specifically as possible. If the animal is injured or sick, they will contact Animal Control.

[Facilities](#) or [EH&S](#)

- ✓ If the dead animal is included in the Health Department Watch List contact the El Paso County Health Department prior to taking any action. Follow established procedures as directed.
- ✓ Otherwise, for small animals
 - Cover the carcass with paper towels saturated with disinfectant (10% bleach solution or commercial disinfectant).
 - Wait approximately 5 minutes.
 - Using tongs and disposable gloves (nitrile or rubber), place the animal and saturated towels in an appropriately sized plastic bag. Carefully remove gloves, place them in the bag and seal the bag.
 - Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water. If not readily available, wash hands with alcohol swabs or other commercial hand disinfection solution.
 - Place the bag in a dumpster for disposal.
- ✓ For large animals, contact Animal Control for disposal assistance

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