

North Utah Valley Animal Services

EUTHANASIA POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of North Utah Valley Animal Services to perform euthanasia of animals that are sick, injured, un-adoptable, dangerous, and/or court ordered in a safe, humane, and acceptable manner.

Euthanasia shall be performed in a humane manner to minimize pain, anxiety, and distress of the animal prior to loss of consciousness; in a manner that prohibits or reduces the spread of disease; and in a manner that protects the safety of those performing the procedure and the human population at large.

CARBON MONOXIDE CHAMBER

SAFETY PROTOCOL

THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO EACH AND EVERY TIME THE CARBON MONOXIDE CHAMBERS ARE USED. CO CHAMBERS CAN ONLY BE UTILIZED WHEN TWO TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.

These procedures MUST be performed in the following order:

1. Close and lock the exterior doors to the Euthanasia Room
2. Close the interior door to the Euthanasia Room
3. Prior to opening the chamber door inspect the machine, hoses, and connections
4. Prior to opening the chamber door assure that the key is in the "off" position
5. Prior to opening the chamber door assure that all chamber indicator and chamber interior lights are off
6. Open the chamber door
7. With the door open inspect the door seal
8. Load the animal(s) into the chamber
9. Close the chamber door
10. Assure that both the top and bottom door latches are fully engaged
11. Turn the key to the "on" position (the "Control Power" indicator light as well as the interior chamber light should come on)
12. Press the green "Cycle Start" button when you are ready to begin the euthanasia process
13. Hold down the "Cycle Start" button until you hear the cycle start and the blue "Gas Cycle" indicator light turns on
14. At this point CO gas is entering the chamber – DO NOT OPEN THE CHAMBER DOOR
15. The CO chamber will now run through a cycle (approximately 16 minutes) – during the cycle do not open the chamber door
16. In the event of an emergency depress the red "Emergency Exhaust" button to quickly evacuate CO gas from the chamber
17. During the last part of the cycle the amber "Exhaust Cycle" indicator light will turn on
18. The "Exhaust Cycle" indicator light will stay on while CO gas is being evacuated from the chamber
19. When the "Exhaust Cycle" has completed the "Exhaust Cycle" indicator light will turn off
20. Unlock and open the exterior Euthanasia Room door (NOT the CO chamber door)
21. Prior to opening the chamber door assure that ALL of the indicator lights are off
22. Prior to opening the chamber door turn the key to the off position
23. Open the chamber door
24. Unload the animal(s)
25. Close the chamber door