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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document describes the procedure for handling of animals found sick, moribund or dead that are not on study.

2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 This procedure applies to animals in the MMRI Animal Care facility.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 It is the policy of MMRI that this procedure be followed to assure that animals found moribund or dead are documented and handled according to written and approved procedures.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of Manager of Animal Research or designated alternate to implement this procedure and revise it when necessary.

5.0 REFERENCES

- 5.1 SOP #ANP003, Animal Carcass Disposal
- 5.2 SOP# ANP005, Euthanasia of Rats and Mice.

6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 Moribund Animal
- 6.1.1 Inform the Supervisor about the observed animal in question.
- 6.1.2 Verify the animal's identification. Record clinical observations and final body weight on the cage card. The observer initials this record.
- 6.1.3 If a moribund animal is discovered on a weekend or holiday, inform the Supervisor, if possible. The person responsible for observations for that day may recommend that the animal be euthanized.
- 6.1.4 If it is necessary, euthanize the animal according to SOP# ANP005, Euthanasia of Rats and Mice.
- 6.1.5 If necessary, dispose of the animal according to SOP #ANP003.

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6.2 Animal Found Dead

- 6.2.1 The person making the observation verifies the identification of the animal.
- 6.2.2 Record the date of death, food intake, and final body weight of the animal on the appropriate cage card. Initial the cage card. If date of death is unknown, record day of death as the day found dead.
- 6.2.3 Notify the Supervisor of the animal's death.
- 6.2.4 Dispose of the animal according to SOP #ANP003.