

**University of Missouri –Kansas City
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Policy**

Cervical Dislocation

Background

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) at the National Institute of Health (NIH) requires that methods of euthanasia will be consistent with the current AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals <https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/Guidelines-on-Euthanasia-2020.pdf> (for conscious animals less 200 grams) than unless another method is justified for scientific reasons and approved by the UMKC-IACUC.

Policy

Animals may be euthanized by cervical dislocation only by individuals that have been trained and demonstrated proficiency in the technique and approved on a protocol to do so. An IACUC approved list of trainers is available from the LARC Administration.

Applicable To:

All UMKC faculty, staff, employees and students involved in the care or use of animals owned by the UMKC.

Revisions to the Policy:

This policy is intended to be flexible and readily adaptable to changes in regulatory requirements. The UMKC IACUC has the authority to amend this policy as needed. The UMKC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has reviewed and approved this policy.