**Schools Animal Ethics Committee (SAEC)**

# Guidelines for Disposal of Dead Animals

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The location and facilities available to the school will affect which option/s schools use to dispose of dead animals. Below is a list of suggested methods and/or information points when considering how to dispose of dead animals. The method of disposal being considered should be dependent on the cause, or suspected cause, of death.

1. Store animal away from children/general public. Ensure you clearly label the animal and the date of death.
2. Check with your local shire/government office.
3. Call your local vet and discuss.
4. Check with your local Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) office.
5. If an unexpected death should occur, schools need to follow the advice from the above sources, in some cases this may include having a post-mortem conducted. A post-mortem may be necessary to ensure there is no biohazard to remaining animals and/or students, staff and general public. If this is required, DO NOT FREEZE the animal/s, simply keep cool, until delivered to a vet.

**Unhatched eggs**

When conducting an egg hatching activity consider one of the two following processes. Irrespective of which method is used, the eggs should not be visible to the students/general public.

1. Place securely bagged, unhatched eggs in fridge or freezer until the day of rubbish collection (do not break).
2. Bag and refrigerate unhatched eggs and give back to the supplier.