

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.

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