Exempt Animal Use Protocols

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1. Reference:
Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A – Animal Welfare, Parts 1-3

2. Policy:

2.1. Field Studies: Research and/or teaching field studies are exempted from filing an animal care and use protocol and obtaining IACUC approval provided that the field studies are only observational in nature and do not involve capturing/trapping, physical/chemical restraint, and/or invasive procedures.

2.2. Studies That Do Not Use Live Animals: Research, teaching, or testing protocols that do not involve the care or use of live animals (i.e., only involve the use of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc.) are exempted from filing an animal care and use protocol and obtaining IACUC approval provided that the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc. are obtained from an IACUC approved source and are disposed of in accordance with state law and OSU policy for disposal of hazardous/infectious/pathologic waste (see OSU Laboratory Safety Manual §5.4. – Biohazard Wastes).

2.2.1. IACUC approved sources for animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc.:
- US Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed dealers
- USDA inspected slaughterhouses (OSU Food Animal Products Technology Center or private commercial slaughterhouses)
- Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL) (i.e., derived from animals presented for euthanasia and/or necropsy that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste.)
- Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (BVMTH) (i.e., derived from hospital patients that die or are euthanized that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste with the consent of the client/owner.)
- Municipal pound/shelter (i.e., derived from stray/unclaimed animals that are euthanized in accordance with USDA regulations, Oklahoma Statutes, and local Municipal Ordinances)
- An IACUC approved animal use protocol (i.e., derived from dead animals that would otherwise be disposed of as pathological waste.) (Note: An IACUC approved protocol is required if additional/special ante-mortem procedures are involved in the harvesting of tissue, blood, etc.)
- Commercial grocery store and/or meat market (i.e., fresh/frozen beef, pork, poultry, fish, etc.)
- Commercial vendors of preserved specimens for use in educational activities (e.g., Carolina Biological Supply, Nebraska Scientific, Wards Science).

2.2.2. Investigators/instructors performing research, teaching, or testing that involves the use of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc. from a source not listed in 2.2.1. above must file a request for exemption with the IACUC that contains the following minimum information:
- The PI’s name, office address, department, phone number and email address;
- A brief description of what the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, etc. will be used for;

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• The source(s) of animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc.;
• Where the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, etc. will be stored and/or used; and
• How the animal cadavers, body parts, tissues, blood, etc. will be disposed of.