

# WS Directive

2.505

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EUTHANIZING WILDLIFE

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidance in euthanizing wildlife.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces ADC Directive 2.505 Dated 03/26/93.

3. POLICY

WS will only use approved and humane methods to euthanize captured or restrained animals. WS approved I&E methods will place emphasis on human safety and the humane treatment and welfare of wildlife. Methods of euthanasia will conform to the guidelines in the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia whenever possible, and will minimize pain and suffering of the animals to be euthanized.

WS employees will ensure that the public is minimally exposed to the euthanasia process.

Following euthanasia, the animal carcass should be handled and disposed of in compliance with state and local regulations and in a manner that does not offend the general public.

5. REFERENCES

ADC Directive 2.430, Euthanizing and Immobilizing Agents (3/26/93)

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