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Dead Animals

Guideline Statement

Living animals should take priority over dead animals. Animal control agencies should avoid transporting living animals with dead animals. Additionally, the disposal of dead animals should meet public health standards, codes, or statutes.

Basis for Guideline

The general lack of sanitation associated with transporting dead animals poses a threat to living animals. Disease contamination is of primary concern. The professionalism of animal control agencies would be rightfully questioned.

Guideline Recommendation

Agencies need to establish separate transportation arrangements for dead animals, possibly through cooperative efforts with local street maintenance departments. Owned dead animals should be transported by their owners. Dead bite animals that must be laboratory tested for rabies should be transported by the animal control officer only when their vehicles allow for isolation compartments. Dead animal disposal can include cremation facilities, landfill burial, or rendering.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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