

SOP: Killing of animals for scientific purposes

General Information

The killing of animals for scientific purposes is to be carried out in accordance with § 4 para. 3 TierSchG and includes only animals with an unburdened phenotype.

In particular, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- Killing only with reasonable cause (§ 1 sentence 2 TierSchG)
- Necessary expertise according to Appendix 1 Section 2 TierSchVersV
- Regular training of staff (approx. 8h/year)
- Use of an approved killing method that is as gentle as possible in accordance with § 2 (2) TierSchVersV

Notification of the killing of animals for scientific purposes at the DRFZ

- Before the first killing of animals for scientific purposes at the DRFZ by a working group, a notification must be submitted to the Animal Welfare Officer using the form "Institute internal notification of the killing of vertebrate animals for scientific purposes"; an institute internal registration number ("T-number") will be assigned
- Existing "T-numbers" assigned by the authority can continued to be used

New staff

- Are to be reported to the Animal Welfare Officer prior to the first killing of animals for scientific purposes
- the personnel form for the killing of vertebrates for scientific purposes must be filled-in and the qualification must be verified (certificate or official registration number)

Reporting the killing of animals for scientific purposes

The reporting shall be done as part of the annual laboratory animal report to the Animal Welfare Officer, together with the assigned registration number.

Exception: animals with a burdened phenotype

The keeping and killing of genetically modified animals with a pathological phenotype cannot be classified as killing for scientific purposes according to § 4 para. 3 TierSchG, it must therefore be applied for within the framework of an approval procedure.