A. Purpose:
To verify that a full Animal Subjects Approval Form (ASAF) is not required for the animal tissue used.

B. Principle:
To review animal tissue use and verify that the tissue and use falls outside the scope of the IACUC’s responsibility while both providing outside agencies with proof of such a review and educating investigators about the scope of the IACUC.

C. Scope:
These policies apply to all tissues* obtained from dead animals used by WSU-affiliated staff. These policies do not apply to tissue obtained from living animals (as they require an ASAF).

D. Review:
Review of tissue use shall be conducted using IACUC administrative review procedures that may include consultation with a member of the campus veterinary staff. Review shall focus on two key issues that discriminate tissue use from animal use covered by ASAF submission:

1. To verify that the animals are not manipulated prior to euthanasia for the purposes of the investigator who is taking tissue. For example, animals cannot be fed a special diet prior to euthanasia for tissue. If animals are manipulated prior to euthanasia, a full ASAF must be submitted by the investigator.

2. Animals cannot be euthanized specifically to generate tissues for research purposes without an approved ASAF.

E. Policy:
1. Any animal tissue use can be administratively reviewed under this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, any post-euthanasia harvested tissues, necropsy tissue, any commercially-available animal tissues, and any tissues collected in field studies.

2. A letter stating why this tissue use is exempt from IACUC review may be requested by the investigator.
3. Investigators may be informed of any additional occupational risks noted after review to reinforce existing policy and procedures to minimize transmission of zoonotic biohazards or other animal contact-related hazards.

4. Tissue use form gathering this information is available as an option to investigators.

*For purposes of this policy, a tissue includes- cells, body fluids, blood etc.

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