



FACA Policy Statement

Dead Animals

The large population of pet animals in any community can be expected to have a substantial mortality rate in any given year, leading to a problem of carcass disposal. Both unclaimed shelter animals and dead pets belonging to private citizens should be disposed of properly.

FACA believes that the state, counties, and municipalities should make provisions for the removal of dead animal remains from public property. FACA urges that agencies document the identity when feasible. Animal control and protection agencies should concentrate on the numerous problems associated with regulating live animals.

All due care must be taken to avoid contamination of live animals with diseases transmitted from the carcasses. Separate holding facilities and transportation arrangements should be provided. Though the choice of carcass disposal is left to the individual agency, with administrators deciding among such options as cremation, land fill, burial, or rendering, FACA's policy is that living animals should be kept separate from dead animals.

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