



## FACA Policy Statement

### Deceased Pets

The large population of pet animals in any community can be expected to have a roadside mortality rate in any given year, leading to a problem of carcass disposal. Every animal shelter has a responsibility to ensure proper disposal of animals that are deceased and within their custody. This can be accomplished through the use of an incinerator, rendering plant, or landfill. Each jurisdiction should determine what method of disposal works best for them.

Due care must be taken to avoid contamination of live pets by deceased pets. Separate holding facilities and transportation arrangements should be provided. Though the choice of disposal is left to the individual agency. The Florida Animal Control Association's (FACA) policy is that living animals should be kept separate from deceased animals.

FACA believes that the state, counties, and municipalities should make provisions for the removal of dead animal remains from public property. FACA urges that those agencies responsible, document the details of the animal when feasible, as well as make appropriate efforts to locate any possible owner information including scanning for the presence of a microchip. When owner information is found, efforts to contact the owner should also be made. Animal control and protection agencies should concentrate on the numerous problems associated with regulating live animals and should not be responsible for deceased animal pick-up.

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