

Euthanasia Training

May 8, 2017

Course Materials

1. **Course Text** – HSUS Euthanasia Reference Manual (download at <https://www.animalsheltering.org/sites/default/files/content/euthanasia-reference-manual.pdf>)
 - a. Required Readings – finish prior to the seminar.
 - i. Chapter 1 – Understanding Euthanasia (pp. 1-3)
 - ii. Chapter 2 – Sodium Pentobarbital (pp. 4-30)
 - iii. Chapter 4 – Verification of Death (pp. 41-43)
 - iv. Chapter 5 – Disposal of Bodies (pp. 45-46)
 - v. Chapter 6 – Euthanasia Tools (pp. 47-53)
 - vi. Chapter 7 – Euthanasia Policy and Protocols (pp. 54-57)
 - vii. Chapter 8 – Animal Handling and Restraint (pp. 58-66)
 - viii. Chapter 9 – Employee Health and Safety (pp. 67-69)
 - ix. Chapter 10 – Federal Requirements for Controlled Substances (pp. 71-74)
2. **Discussion Questions**
 - a. If you are registered, you should already have these, as well as your Assigned Discussion Questions. If you don't have these, let me know.
 - b. We will go over the discussion questions as we eat lunch, as a review for the test at the end of the day.
3. **Web Resources** – Posted on <http://wendyblount.com/euthanasia.php>

Course Agenda

8:00am-8:30am – registration and continental breakfast

8:30am-9:20am: Euthanasia PowerPoint 1 & 2

- Euthanasia overview – the necessary evil, history of euthanasia, current practices and guidelines
- Euthanasia SOPs – state and federal laws, drug logs, written SOPs, euth tech selection and training, animal selection, physical & chemical restraint

9:30-10:20am: Euthanasia PowerPoint 2

- Euthanasia SOPs – restraint cont'd, euth room equipment and supplies
- 5 stages of euthanasia/death, confirmation of death
- Disposal
- Emergencies
- owner requested euthanasia

10:30-11:20am – Pentobarbital PowerPoint, Alternative Euthanasia Methods PowerPoint

- Sodium pentobarbital Euthanasia
- Selecting the route of administration
- Venous access
- IP administration of pentobarbital
- IC injection of pentobarbital
- Unacceptable techniques
- Calculations
- Pentobarbital products and storage
- Safeguarding pentobarbital
- Alternative methods of euthanasia – CO, carbon dioxide, gunshot, decompression chamber

11:30-12:20am – Compassion Fatigue Powerpoint, Q&A

- Prevention
- Coping
- Support programs

12:30noon – 1:20 pm – Discussion Question assignments over lunch (lunch provided)

1:30pm – 2:20 pm - Euthanasia Techniques PowerPoint and videos

- Cephalic vein injection video
- Saphenous vein injection video
- IP injection video
- IC injection video
- Verification of death video
- Euthanasia of wildlife and livestock
- Injection tips

2:30pm – 3:20 pm – test

3:30 pm – 5:30pm – Euthanasia Wetlab