

Euthanasia Certification Training
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Course Materials

1. **Course Text** – HSUS Euthanasia Training Manual
 - a. Required Readings – finish prior to the seminar.
 - i. Chapter 1 – Understanding Euthanasia (pp. 1-6)
 - ii. Chapter 2 – Sodium Pentobarbital (pp. 11-19)
 - iii. Chapter 5 – Selecting the Injection Site (pp. 41-19)
 - iv. Chapter 11 – Planning for Problems (pp. 103-108)
 - v. Chapter 12 – Final Steps (pp. 111-114)
 - vi. Chapter 14 – Other Methods of Euthanasia (pp. 125-133)
2. **Discussion Questions**
 - a. You should already have these, as well as your 3 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>

Course Agenda

7:30am-8am – registration and continental breakfast – Ellen Trout Zoo Boa Room (see registration form for map and directions)

8am-8:50am: Euthanasia PowerPoint 1 & 2

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

9-9:50am: 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

10-10:50am – 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

11-11:50am – Compassion Fatigue Powerpoint, Q&A

- Prevention

- Coping
- Support programs

12noon – 12:50 pm – Discussion Question assignments over lunch (lunch provided)

1pm – 1:50 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

2pm – 2:50 pm – test.

3 pm – 4:50 pm – Euthanasia wetlab (Lufkin Kurth Memorial Animal Shelter)