Policy on Animal Tissue Utilization

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Purpose
To outline the policy on animal tissue utilization.

Responsibility
Those persons listed on an approved UC Santa Cruz Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (UCSC IACUC) protocol that are responsible for procedures, surgeries, and post procedure monitoring.

Animal Tissue Utilization
Definition of tissue: Any part of a vertebrate animal that contributes to the individual’s or species’s homeostasis when the animal is alive.
Exceptions: Preserved tissue, histologically fixed samples, sera and antibodies if they are available commercially.

If the source of the tissue meets any of the following contact the UCSC IACUC:

• If an animal is euthanized specifically for your study.
• If the animal is alive when the tissue is removed.
• If the tissue comes from live animals obtained from another person’s study.
• If you are receiving a whole USDA regulated animal.
• If euthanasia procedures and pre-procedures are modified to accommodate the conditions of your study.

Note: It is a good idea to make certain that the tissues you are receiving do not contain pathological agents, toxic material, or radioactive materials. If any of these are present special precautions may apply and may require approval from other regulatory offices.