901:12-1-01 **Definitions and General Considerations.**

(A) Euthanasia is the causing of humane death, through the rapid loss of consciousness followed by cardiac and respiratory arrest and the ultimate loss of brain function.

(B) "Humane death" is death that results through utilization of the methods established by this chapter.

(C) The only acceptable methods of euthanasia are those listed in this chapter and are to be used as the exclusive means of euthanasia, except in slaughter facilities already governed by federal or state law

(D) Euthanasia for animals must be performed when the likelihood for recovery is poor and the condition cannot be effectively relieved by best species management and medically appropriate procedures.

(E) Occurrence of death will be confirmed by the absence of:

(1) breathing for five minutes;

(2) a heart beat for five minutes; and

(3) a corneal reflex (a blink reflex to touching of the eye.)

(F) If death does not occur, the same method must be repeated or another approved method of euthanasia must be immediately performed.

(G) Disposal of animals after confirmation of death must be performed in accordance with section 941.14 of the Revised Code.

(H) Mass Euthanasia

For unusual conditions which require euthanasia of populations, such as wide spread disease eradication and exigent circumstances resulting from natural disasters, the director may authorize alternate methods pursuant to section 941.11 of the Revised Code. The alternate methods must minimize animal pain and suffering to the extent reasonably possible while considering the threat to human health and safety.

(I) Nothing in the rules adopted in division 901:12 of the administrative code shall be construed to prevent a licensed veterinarian, or other person acting under the veterinarian’s supervision, from meeting the standards set forth in Chapter 4741 of the Revised Code or rules promulgated thereunder.

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