# Lab Cage Termination Policy via LAR Personnel

Purpose: to protect Lab resources from miscommunication or being mislabeled and valuable information lost by terminating the correct cages in a uniform manner.

In order to request that LAR Staff terminate cages, two things must occur.

First, a work order on the LAR website (https://www.research.colostate.edu/lar/) must be submitted with the required cage card numbers to be terminated and the room that they are located in. If special instructions are required (i.e. SAC only weanlings; save carcasses) they must be included within the "Services/Supplies Requested" section.

Second, the cages that are to be sacrificed must have "SAC" or “TERM” written on the LAR cage card. Temporary cage cards or lab self-made cards are not accepted. If the cage does not yet have a LAR issued cage card, a Cage Card request must be submitted before the cage can be terminated. This is in accordance with AAALAC and CSU IACUC regulations and policy.

Both of those steps must be completed before any cages are terminated by LAR personnel.

If any cage card numbers in either the work order or the physical card with "SAC" written on it do not match, the cage will not be euthanized. If there is a discontinuity between the physical cards and the work order, it will be noted in the notes section of the work order, the requestor will be notified and further instructions will be requested. Please note that cages without any issues will be terminated as soon as able.

Once the appropriate cages are terminated by LAR (typically, but not always, cages are euthanized on Tuesdays and Fridays) the per diems and cage card census will be stopped by LAR in accordance with Business Office Policy and retained for six months.

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