

1 02 NCAC 52J .0203 is amended with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 774 as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0203 OUTDOOR FACILITIES**

4 (a) In outdoor facilities that are subject to the Animal Welfare Act, Primary primary enclosures and walkways with
5 which an animal comes in contact shall be constructed of sealed concrete or other surfaces impervious to moisture.
6 Gravel may be used if maintained at a minimum depth of six inches and kept in a sanitary manner.

7 (b) Dogs and cats kept outdoors shall be provided housing to allow them to remain dry and comfortable during
8 inclement weather. Housing shall be constructed of material which is impervious to ~~moisture~~, moisture and which
9 can be disinfected. One house shall be available for each animal within each ~~enclosure~~. enclosure except for a
10 mother and its unweaned offspring.

11 (c) In addition to housing, the enclosure shall provide protection from excessive sun and inclement weather.

12 (d) Animal owners shall be advised at the time of reservation and admission if the animal will be kept in outside
13 facilities.

14 (e) A suitable method of drainage shall be ~~provided~~ provided. []

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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24;*

17 *Eff. April 1, 1984;*

18 *Amended Eff. ~~April 1, 2008~~; July 1, 2008; January 1, 2005.*

02 NCAC 52J .0210 is amended with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 775 as follows:

02 NCAC 52J .0210 VETERINARY CARE

(a) A written program of veterinary care to include disease control and prevention, vaccination, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care shall be established with the assistance of a licensed ~~veterinarian~~ veterinarian by any person who is required to be licensed or registered under the Animal Welfare Act, Article 3 of Chapter 19A of the General Statutes.

(b) If there is a disease problem that persists for more than 30 days at the facility, the facility operator shall obtain and follow a veterinarian's written recommendations for correcting the problem.

(c) Each dog and cat shall be observed daily by the animal caretaker in charge, or by someone under his direct supervision. Sick or diseased, injured, lame, or blind dogs or cats shall be provided with veterinary care or be euthanized, provided that this shall not affect compliance with any state or local law requiring the holding, for a specified period, of animals suspected of being diseased. If euthanasia is performed at a certified facility, a list of personnel approved to perform euthanasia shall be maintained ~~on a Letter of Euthanasia Certification form and kept on file at the facility.~~ in a Policy and Procedure Manual as described in 02 NCAC 52J .0800. Diseased or deformed animals shall be sold or adopted only under the policy set forth in the "Program of Veterinary Care." Full written disclosure of the medical condition of the animal shall be provided to the new owner.

(d) All animals in a licensed or registered facility shall be in compliance with the North Carolina rabies law, G.S. 130A, Article 6, Part 6. However, no shelter shall be disapproved following inspection or otherwise cited for failure to inoculate any dog or cat known to be less than 12 weeks old or until such animals have been in the shelter at least 15 days.

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02 NCAC 52J .0302 is amended with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 775 as follows:

02 NCAC 52J .0302 PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED IN TRANSPORTING DOGS AND CATS

(a) Primary enclosures such as compartments or transport cages, cartons, or crates used by persons subject to the Animal Welfare Act to transport cats and dogs shall be constructed, ventilated and designed to protect the health and insure the safety of the animals. Such enclosures shall be constructed or positioned in the vehicle in such a manner that:

- (1) Each animal in the vehicle has sufficient fresh air for normal breathing.
- (2) The openings of such enclosures are easily accessible for emergency removals at all times.
- (3) The animals are adequately protected from the elements.

The ambient temperature shall be maintained between 50 degrees F and 85 degrees F. ~~The~~ A shelter shall be deemed as being in compliance if its vehicles' animal containment units are equipped with operable air-conditioning, forced-air cooling and heating or other [] temperature control mechanisms.

(b) Animals transported in the same primary enclosure shall be of the same species. Puppies or kittens less than four months of age shall not be transported in the same primary enclosure with adult dogs and cats other than their dams.

(c) Primary enclosures used to transport dogs and cats shall be large enough for each animal to turn about freely, and to easily stand, sit, or lie down in a natural position. Primary enclosures used to transport dogs and cats shall be secured to the vehicle to prevent sliding or tipping of the enclosure during transit.

(d) Animals shall not be placed in primary enclosures over other animals in transit unless such enclosure is constructed so as to prevent animal excreta from entering lower enclosures.

(e) All primary enclosures used to transport dogs and cats shall be sanitized between use for shipments.

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1 02 NCAC 52J .0401 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 775 as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0400 - EUTHANASIA STANDARDS**
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5 **02 NCAC 52J .0401 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE**

6 ~~Except as provided in the rules of this Section, any method of euthanasia approved by the American Veterinary~~
7 ~~Medical Association, Humane Society of the United States or the American Humane Association is hereby~~
8 ~~incorporated by reference. In all circumstances, the euthanasia method should be selected and used with the highest~~
9 ~~ethical standards.~~

10 A person required to obtain a certificate of registration pursuant to G.S. 19A, Article 3 may use any method of
11 euthanasia approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Humane Society of the United
12 States (HSUS), or the American Humane Association (AHA) which are hereby incorporated by reference, including
13 subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of these documents may be obtained as follows:

14 (1) AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia may be accessed at not cost on their website at www.avma.org.

15 (2) The HSUS Euthanasia Training Manual can be purchased through their website at www.hsus.org
16 at a cost of \$19.95.

17 (3) The AHA publication, Euthanasia by Injection, can be purchased through their website at
18 www.americaanhumane.org at a cost of \$10.00.

19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

21 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July, 1 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0402 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 775 as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52J.0402 AUTHORIZED PERSONS**

4 Only a ~~Certified Euthanasia Technician, Probationary Euthanasia Technician,~~ person who has received training
5 required under these rules or a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in North Carolina may euthanize
6 an animal in a certified animal shelter. ~~A Certified Euthanasia Technician shall not euthanize animals using a~~
7 ~~method for which they are not currently certified except as specified in 02 NCAC 52J .0700.~~

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
10 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July, 1 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0403 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 775-776 as follows:
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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0403 DEFINITIONS**

4 As used in this Subchapter:

- 5 (1) ~~"Certified Euthanasia Technician"~~ "Euthanasia Technician" means a person employed by a certified facility
6 who has been instructed in the proper methods of humane euthanasia, security and record ~~keeping~~
7 ~~keeping, and possesses other skills as deemed necessary by the Animal Welfare Section.~~
8 (2) "Certified facility" means a certified animal shelter, kennel or pet shop that employs at least one
9 Certified Euthanasia Technician or licensed veterinarian to perform euthanasia on animals at that
10 certified facility.
11 (3) ~~"Approved Certified Euthanasia Technician trainer" means a person or organization that received~~
12 ~~permission from the Animal Welfare Section to provide training to applicants or individuals~~
13 ~~seeking to be Certified Euthanasia Technicians.~~
14 (4)(3) "Chemical Agent" means any chemical approved by the American Veterinary Medical
15 Association, the Humane Society of the United States or the American Humane Association which
16 is used to induce death.
17 (5) ~~"Applicant" means a person seeking certification as a Euthanasia Technician.~~
18 (6)(4) "Commercially manufactured chamber" means a chamber built with the intention for sale with the
19 purpose of euthanizing animals, and which meets the requirements of 02 NCAC 52J .0600.
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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
22 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July, 1 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0404 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 776 as follows:
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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0404 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS**

4 ~~(a) Individuals who perform euthanasia must be trained and qualified as a Certified Euthanasia Technician as set~~
5 ~~forth in this Rule. section.~~

6 ~~(b) Individuals seeking certification as a Euthanasia Technician shall submit a written application documenting their~~
7 ~~qualifications to the Animal Welfare Section, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,~~
8 ~~1030 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1030, on the form provided by the Animal Welfare Section.~~

9 ~~(c) The Animal Welfare Section shall receive and review all applications for Euthanasia Technician certification~~
10 ~~and determine whether or not to issue the individual applicant proof of certification in the form of a printed~~
11 ~~certificate.~~

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

14 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0405 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 776-777 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0407 and has been renumbered):

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4 **02 NCAC 52J .0407 .0405 TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS**

5 (a) Training ~~and examinations~~ for euthanasia ~~certification~~ shall consist ~~of~~ of

6 (~~1~~) Classroom lecture covering the entire list of subjects in Paragraph (b) of this Rule;

7 (2) ~~— Earning a score of 80 percent correct on a written test provided by the Animal Welfare Section,~~
8 ~~demonstrating adequate knowledge of the subjects listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule;~~

9 (3) ~~— Successfully passing a practical examination in each of the euthanasia methods for which the~~
10 ~~applicant is seeking certification.~~

11 (b) The Animal Welfare Section shall develop ~~Certified~~ Euthanasia Technician training programs and materials or
12 accredit training programs and materials to be offered by other individuals, schools, agencies or veterinary practices.
13 ~~Said~~ The programs and materials shall conform to the processes set forth by the American Veterinary Medical
14 Association, the Humane Society of the United States or the American Humane Association and shall ~~include, but~~
15 ~~not be limited to,~~ include the following topics:

16 (1) The theory and history of euthanasia methods and practice;

17 (2) Animal anatomy;

18 (3) Proper animal restraint, handling and methods for controlling animal stress;

19 (4) Proper chemical agent dosages, record keeping and usage documentation, chemical agent,
20 instrument and equipment storage, handling and disposal in accordance with rules and the Code of
21 Federal Regulations;

22 (5) Proper injection techniques;

23 (6) Proper euthanasia techniques not utilizing injected chemical agents;

24 (7) Proper and accurate verification of animal death;

25 (8) Proper record keeping;

26 (9) Proper disposal of euthanized animals;

27 (10) Stress management for euthanasia personnel;

28 (11) Proper methods and techniques of euthanasia under extraordinary circumstances; and

29 (12) Proper methods, techniques and chemicals inducing anesthesia and sedation in animals prior to
30 euthanasia;

31 (13) Proper methods, techniques and chemicals used in the practical examination section for ~~Certified~~
32 Euthanasia Technician.

33 (~~c~~) ~~The Animal Welfare Section shall prepare written examinations to be given to applicants. Following the~~
34 ~~classroom training detailed in 02 NCAC 52J .0407, the applicant shall take a written examination provided by the~~
35 ~~Animal Welfare Section that will be used by the approved trainer. Those passing the written examination in~~
36 ~~accordance with 02 NCAC 52J .0407 will be eligible for the practical examination of the methods of euthanasia for~~
37 ~~which the applicant seeks certification.~~

1 ~~(d)(c)~~ The applicant employees who perform euthanasia must ~~pass a practical examination~~ demonstrate proficiency
2 on each method of euthanasia for which ~~they he or she seek certification. is being trained.~~

3 ~~(1)Prior to certification the applicant~~ The employee shall euthanize one or more animals in the presence of an
4 ~~approved trainer using the techniques the applicant has listed or intends to list in his or her application for~~
5 ~~certification. the trainer.~~ Any animals used shall be animals previously scheduled for euthanasia.

6 ~~(2) In the alternative, upon prior written approval by the Animal Welfare Section the practical~~
7 ~~examination may consist of simulation of the euthanasia technique, using an appropriately~~
8 ~~anesthetized animal or an Animal Welfare Section-approved animal simulator. The Animal~~
9 ~~Welfare Section shall determine and render in writing beforehand whether equipment and/or~~
10 ~~harmless substances as shall be deemed adequate for use in determining the applicant's~~
11 ~~competency.~~

12 ~~(e)(d)~~ Applicants for certification in Employees who perform Euthanasia by Injection shall demonstrate the
13 following knowledge and competencies:

14 (1) Correctly calculate chemical agent dosage based upon the species, age, weight and condition of
15 the animal;

16 (2) Correctly complete all required documentation;

17 (3) Correctly draw the properly calculated chemical dosage into a syringe and needle of a type and
18 size appropriate for the animal;

19 ~~(4) Correctly administer the chemical agent to the animal or administer a substance to an approved~~
20 ~~animal simulator as described in this Section;~~

21 ~~(5)~~(4) Applicants Persons who perform euthanasia shall be able to properly perform intravenous and
22 intraperitoneal injections on dogs and intravenous or intraperitoneal injections on cats;

23 ~~(6)~~(5) Knowledge of the medical procedures and drugs necessary for an animal to be euthanized by
24 cardiac injection;

25 ~~(7)~~(6) Demonstrate ability to verify death by:

26 (A) lack of respiration;

27 (B) lack of ocular reflexes;

28 (C) lack of a heartbeat;

29 ~~(8)~~(7) Knowledge about the human health risks associated with the use of chemical agents used for
30 euthanasia including signs and symptoms associated with accidental exposure of the Certified
31 Euthanasia Technician; employees who perform euthanasia;

32 ~~(9)~~(8) Proper first aid for a person accidentally exposed to chemical agents used for euthanasia.

33 ~~(f)(e)~~ Applicants for certification in Persons who perform Euthanasia by Gas Inhalation shall meet the standards set
34 forth in this Paragraph:

35 (1) Demonstrate proper knowledge of the dangers and human health effects of exposure to carbon
36 monoxide gas;

37 (2) Demonstrate proper knowledge about which animals Euthanasia by Gas Inhalation is approved

1 and which species, age, medical or physical conditions make it improper to use Euthanasia by Gas
2 Inhalation;

- 3 (3) Demonstrate proper techniques in placing animals into the chamber;
4 (4) Demonstrate adequate knowledge about the maintenance, operation and cleaning of the chamber,
5 fittings, gas cylinder, valves, and other parts of the equipment;
6 (5) Demonstrate proper operation of the chamber;
7 (6) Demonstrate ability to verify death by:
8 (A) lack of respiration;
9 (B) lack of ocular reflexes;
10 (C) lack of a heartbeat;
11 (7) Knowledge about the human health risks associated with the use of carbon monoxide when used
12 for euthanasia. Such knowledge shall also include signs and symptoms associated with accidental
13 exposure of ~~the Certified Euthanasia Technician;~~ employees who perform euthanasia;
14 (8) Proper first aid for a person accidentally exposed to carbon monoxide used for euthanasia.
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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
17 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0406 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 779 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0418 and has been renumbered):
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4 **02 NCAC 52J .0418 .0406 DUTIES**

5 ~~The scope of duties of a Certified Euthanasia Technician shall include, but are not limited to:~~ A person who
6 performs euthanasia shall be responsible for:

- 7 (1) Preparing animals for euthanasia;
- 8 (2) ~~Accurately recording~~ Recording the identification number of the animal, its species, sex, breed
9 description and date, dosages for drugs that are administered and amounts for drugs wasted;
- 10 (3) Ordering euthanasia supplies;
- 11 (4) Maintaining the security of all controlled substances and other ~~approved~~ drugs in accordance with
12 applicable state and federal laws and regulations;
- 13 (5) Directly supervising ~~probationary Euthanasia Technicians;~~ persons who assist in performing
14 euthanasia;
- 15 (6) Reporting to the appropriate government agencies violations or suspicions of a violation of these
16 Rules in this subchapter or any abuse of drugs;
- 17 (7) ~~Humanely euthanizing~~ Euthanizing animals; animals in accordance with the Rules in this
18 subchapter; and
- 19 (8) ~~Proper and lawful disposal~~ Disposing of euthanized animals and expired or unwanted chemical
20 agent(s) or the containers, instruments and equipment used in the administration of ~~approved~~
21 drugs in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;
- 22 (9) ~~Properly notify~~ Notifying the Animal Welfare Section ~~as required in this Section~~ upon leaving
23 employment or volunteer status at a covered facility.
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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
26 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July, 1 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0501 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 780 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0502 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **SECTION .0500 – EUTHANASIA BY INJECTION**

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6 **02 NCAC 52J .0501 INTRACARDIAC INJECTION**

7 Intracardiac injection shall only be used on animals that have been properly anesthetized or heavily sedated.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
10 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0601 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 780 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0602 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **SECTION .0600 – EUTHANASIA BY CARBON MONOXIDE**

5
6 **02 NCAC 52J .0601 CARBON MONOXIDE EQUIPMENT**

7 If carbon monoxide is used for ~~euthanasia~~, euthanasia in a certified facility, the following requirements shall be met:

- 8 (1) Only commercially compressed, bottled gas shall be used;
- 9 (2) The gas shall be delivered in a commercially manufactured chamber that allows for the individual
10 separation of animals;
- 11 (3) Animals placed inside of the chamber shall be of the same species;
- 12 (4) The chamber shall rapidly achieve a minimum six percent uniform concentration of carbon
13 ~~monoxide~~; monoxide within two minutes of beginning the administration of the gas.
- 14 (5) Death shall occur within five minutes of beginning the administration of the gas;
- 15 (6) Animals shall remain in the chamber with carbon monoxide for a minimum of 20 minutes.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
18 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July 1, 2008.*
19

1 02 NCAC 52J .0602 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 780 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0603 and has been renumbered):
3

4 **02 NCAC 52J .0602 PROHIBITED USES**

5 Carbon monoxide shall not be used to euthanize the following ~~animals~~: animals in certified facilities:

- 6 (1) Animals that appear to be less than 16 weeks of age;
7 (2) Animals that are pregnant;
8 ~~(3) Animals that are moderately to significantly clinically ill;~~
9 ~~(4) Animals that are significantly injured;~~
10 ~~(5)(3) Animals that are near death; death.~~
11 ~~(6) Animals that are geriatric.~~

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
14 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0603 is adopted as published in 22:09 NCR 780 as follows (this rule was originally published as
2 NCAC 52J .0604 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **02 NCAC 52J .0603 DEAD ANIMALS**

5 Live animals shall not be placed into a euthanasia chamber with dead ~~animals.~~ animals in certified facilities.

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7 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

8 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0604 is adopted as published in 22:09 NCR 780 as follows (this rule was originally published as 02
2 NCAC 52J .0605 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **02 NCAC 52J .0604 INDIVIDUAL SEPARATION**

5 Animals shall be individually separated within ~~the a euthanasia chamber.~~ chamber in a certified facility.

6
7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

8 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

02 NCAC 52J .0605 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 780-781 as follows (this rule was originally published as 02 NCAC 52J .0606 and has been renumbered):

02 NCAC 52J .0605 CHAMBER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) ~~The chamber~~ A euthanasia chamber in a certified facility shall be located in a well-ventilated ~~place, preferably outdoors. place.~~
- (b) The chamber shall be ~~of~~ in good working order.
- (c) The chamber shall have strong airtight seals around the doors and viewports.
- (d) The chamber shall have at least one port for viewing of the animals during euthanasia.
- (e) The chamber shall be ~~well lit.~~ lit sufficiently to allow observation of an animal in the chamber.
- (f) Any chamber electrical wiring or components exposed to carbon monoxide must be warranted by the manufacturer to be explosion proof.
- (g) Any light inside of the chamber shall be shatterproof.
- (h) The chamber shall use exhaust ventilation to evacuate the gas from the chamber before the doors are opened upon completion of the process.
- (i) If the chamber is located outdoors:
 - (1) The exhaust shall be vented ~~well above the operator;~~ at least eight feet above ground level;
 - (2) The minimum stack velocity shall be at least 3,000 feet per minute;
 - (3) If there is a roof above the chamber, the exhaust shall be vented at least three feet above the highest point of the roof;
 - (4) The exhaust shall not be located ~~near any~~ within eight feet of any building air intakes.
- (j) If the chamber is located indoors:
 - (1) The exhaust shall be vented to the outdoors at least three feet above the highest point of the roof;
 - (2) The exhaust shall not be located ~~near~~ within eight feet of any building air intakes;
 - (3) The minimum stack velocity shall be at least 3,000 feet per minute;
 - (4) At least two carbon monoxide detectors shall be placed in the room.

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1 02 NCAC 52J .0606 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0607 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **02 NCAC 52J .0606 INSPECTIONS AND RECORDS**

5 (a) Chamber seals, exhaust flow, carbon monoxide monitors and other equipment used in the euthanasia process in
6 certified facilities shall be inspected at least monthly and repaired or replaced as necessary.

7 (b) ~~Chamber~~ The chamber must be inspected at least annually by the manufacturer, ~~an~~ its authorized representative
8 or an industrial hygienist knowledgeable about the manufacture and operation of the chamber.

9 (c) A record shall be made of each inspection recording the results, the date of the inspection, and the name of the
10 person performing the inspection. The record shall be maintained in the policy and procedure manual for at least
11 two years.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
14 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0607 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0608 and has been renumbered):
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4 **02 NCAC 52J .0607 CLEANING CHAMBER**

5 ~~The chamber~~ A euthanasia chamber at a certified facility shall be ~~well~~ cleaned between uses.
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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
8 ~~*Eff. April 1, 2008.*~~ *Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0608 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0609 and has been renumbered):
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4 **02 NCAC 52J .0608 OPERATIONAL GUIDES AND INSTRUCTION MANUALS**

5 Current operational guides and maintenance instruction manuals shall be kept in the room with the euthanasia
6 chamber at all ~~times~~. times in a certified facility.
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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

9 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0609 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows (this rule was originally
2 published as 02 NCAC 52J .0610 and has been renumbered):

3
4 **02 NCAC 52J .0609 PERSONS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT**

5 ~~The chamber~~ A euthanasia chamber in a certified facility shall not be operated unless a ~~Certified~~ Euthanasia
6 Technician or a veterinarian licensed in North Carolina and one other adult are present at the time of its use.

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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

9 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0701 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0700 - EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**
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5 **02 NCAC 52J .0701 METHODS OF EUTHANASIA PERMITTED UNDER EXTRAORDINARY**
6 **CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATIONS**

7 ~~For purposes of this section,~~ extraordinary circumstance or situation includes ~~but is not limited to~~ a situation
8 which is offsite from the shelter, in which an animal poses a ~~significant or an~~ immediate risk to ~~life, limb or public~~
9 ~~animal, human or public~~ health and in which no alternative, less extreme measure of euthanasia is feasible. It also
10 includes circumstances or situations in which it would be inhumane to transport an animal to another location to
11 perform euthanasia.
12

13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

14 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0702 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0702 GUNSHOT OR OTHER METHODS**

4 Under ~~the most~~ extraordinary circumstances and situations which ~~occurs~~ occur offsite from the ~~shelter~~ shelter, a
5 shelter employee may use gunshot or other extreme method of ~~euthanasia.~~ euthanasia as set forth in the American
6 Veterinary Medical Association, Humane Society of the United States or American Humane Association Guidelines
7 incorporated by reference in 02 NCAC 52J .0401.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
10 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0703 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows:
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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0703 METHODS AND STANDARDS**

4 Methods of euthanasia used ~~under this Section~~ by a certified facility under an extraordinary circumstance or
5 situation must be approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United
6 States or the American Humane Association for use on that species of animal and must conform to standards set
7 forth by that organization.
8

9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

10 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0704 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0704 TECHNICIAN NOT REQUIRED**

4 If ~~such~~ an extraordinary circumstance or situation occurs and euthanasia is necessary, the person performing the
5 euthanasia is not required to be a ~~Certified Euthanasia Technician~~. Euthanasia Technician at a certified facility.

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

8 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0705 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 781 as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0705 REPORTS**

4 ~~If euthanasia is performed under extraordinary circumstances or situations, a report shall be made of the~~
5 ~~circumstances and kept on file for at least two years. A licensee or registrant shall prepare a report of any~~
6 ~~euthanasia performed under extraordinary circumstances or situations, and keep the report on file for at least two~~
7 ~~years.~~ The report shall include the date, time, identification of the animal, the name of the person performing the
8 final euthanasia, the method of euthanasia and the reason for euthanasia of the animal as permitted by this Section.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
11 *~~Eff. April 1, 2008.~~ Eff. July 1, 2008.*

1 02 NCAC 52J .0801 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 782 as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0800 - POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**
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5 **02 NCAC 52J .0801 MANUAL REQUIRED**

6 Any animal shelter performing euthanasia shall have a current policy and procedure manual about euthanasia.
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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*

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1 02 NCAC 52J .0802 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 782 as follows:
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3 **02 NCAC 52J .0802 CONTENTS**

4 The policy and procedure manual shall set forth the shelter's equipment, process, and the procedures for individual
5 separation of animals.
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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
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02 NCAC 52J .0803 is adopted with changes as published in 22:09 NCR 782 as follows:

02 NCAC 52J .0803 ADDITIONAL CONTENTS

The A certified facility's policy and procedure manual shall be kept consistent with the publications listed below and reflect the current information for each. The manual shall ~~include but not be limited to:~~ include:

- (1) A copy of the ~~most~~ current North Carolina Animal Welfare Act ~~including statutes and rules; and the rules in this subchapter;~~
- (2) A copy of the 2000 Report of the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia and any future revisions, replacements, supplements or changes thereto issued by ~~said~~ that organization;
- (3) A current copy of the Euthanasia Training Manual of the Humane Society of the United States;
- (4) ~~If printed, a~~ A copy of a the publication on euthanasia by the American Humane Association;
- (5) A list of methods of euthanasia allowed at the shelter and the policy and procedures for each method;
- (6) A list of Certified Euthanasia Technicians, the methods of euthanasia in which they have received training, the date of training and the date of expiration of their Certification;
- (7) The name, address and contact information for the veterinarian responsible for the Annual Program of Veterinary Care;
- (8) The name, address and contact information for veterinarians responsible for the veterinary medical care of the animals. The contact information ~~will~~ shall include telephone numbers for working hours, weekends, nights and holidays;
- (9) Euthanasia procedure to use in emergencies, after hours, holidays and weekends;
- (10) Procedures to follow if no Certified Euthanasia Technician is present and euthanasia of an animal is necessary;
- (11) Methods of verifying death of an animal after a euthanasia process is performed;
- (12) The name and contact information of the supplier of ~~euthanasia materials shall be listed.~~ materials.
It shall ~~include but not be limited to:~~ include:
 - (a) Bottled gas (if applicable);
 - (b) Manufacturer of the chamber used to euthanize animals by inhalant gas (if applicable);
 - (c) Injectable euthanasia solution;
 - (d) Tranquilizer or anesthetic solution;
- (13) Original of ~~DEA~~ U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration certification permitting the use of controlled substances;
- (14) A material safety data sheet for any chemical or gas used for euthanasia in that shelter;
- (15) A material safety data sheet for any anesthetic or tranquilizer used in that facility;
- (16) Notice of the signs and symptoms associated with human exposure to the agents used for euthanasia at the facility;

- 1 (17) ~~Proper first~~ First aid for people accidentally exposed to the agents used for euthanasia at the
2 facility;
- 3 (18) Contact information of the physician or medical facility providing medical treatment to employees
4 of the facility. The information shall include ~~but not be limited to~~ the name of the medical facility,
5 the telephone number for both working and after-hours contact and directions to the medical
6 facility from the certified facility including a map. If the medical facility does not provide service
7 after-hours, on weekends or on holidays, there must be contact information as described ~~above~~ in
8 this item for the nearest medical facility, urgent care clinic or emergency room that does provide
9 care during that time.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24(5);*
12 *Eff. April 1, 2008. Eff. July 1, 2008.*