

Animal Carcass Use as Food for Living Animals IACUC SOP

Some protocols generate animal carcasses which are suitable as food for living animals. The use of such carcasses as food saves animal resources. The identification of such animals as potential food should be made by the ACF veterinarian. This will include, in addition to examining whether the animal carcasses to be generated are suitable for use as food, the storage conditions (if necessary). The animal carcasses may be used immediately after generation or stored frozen (-20°C or below) for a period up to two years for use as food in IACUC-approved protocols. Stored carcasses should be clearly labeled as to their intended use as food, the date of the euthanasia, expiration date, and marked in accordance with federal regulations governing animal feed. The protocol for maintaining the live animal(s) to be fed carcasses (from previous protocols) should also explicitly mention the source of the food. Storage of carcasses for any purpose other than as specifically stated in protocols is prohibited.