



ADVISORY:

USE OF DEAD ANIMALS (ANIMAL PARTS)

[Guidelines for the Safe Use of Animals in Filmed Media](#) states that no animal(s) shall be intentionally killed for use in film production. When dead animals and/or parts are used, production is required to provide documentation regarding the source to American Humane Society. Documentation requirements - either a completed DOCUMENTATION FORM available on page 2 AND/OR a RECEIPT and PHOTOGRAPH - depend on the source, as outlined below. **Should it be established that animals were intentionally killed for a project, production would be ineligible for end-credit certification.**

Be advised that American Humane Society does not allow the use of dead dog and cat cadavers. When productions will utilize taxidermy dogs or cats, please see requirements for taxidermy below.

WHEN A DECLARATION FORM IS REQUIRED:

The “DECLARATION FORM – USE OF DEAD ANIMALS (ANIMAL PARTS),” located on page 2 of this Advisory, **must be completed and signed by the animal supplier and by an authorized representative for the production**, when dead animals/animal parts are supplied from the following sources:

- Businesses such as **Animal Shelters, Slaughterhouses/Butchers**, etc. where animals were destroyed in the normal course of business operations and not killed for use in the filmed production.
- Individuals or companies that may keep or find dead animals (animal parts) but is not the main function or course of their business operations.

NOTE: A rental or purchase receipt AND photograph is required, in addition to the Declaration Form, if production is working with dead animals/parts from the above sources.

EXCLUDED FROM THE DECLARATION FORM REQUIREMENT:

The DECLARATION FORM is **not** required when production uses dead animals, animal parts purchased or rented from the following sources:

- Taxidermists
- Costume and/or Prop Stores
- Packaged meats and fish sold as part of normal inventory and course of a business
- Science/Lab specimens supplied from businesses that maintain dead animals/parts as part of their normal inventory and course of business

NOTE: A rental or purchase receipt AND photograph is required, if production is working with dead animals/parts from the above sources.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Dead animals suspected of harboring an illness/disease are NOT recommended for use.
- Individuals/Companies must ensure that they were authorized to remove and take possession of dead animals (animal parts). In some instances, permits to take and possess certain dead animals may be required.
- Upon its discretion, American Humane Society may request additional documentation.

AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY'S RESOURCE CENTER - American Humane Society's Resource Center provides guidance to productions regarding best animal welfare practices, achieving desired animal action and care, licensing/permitting, transportation at no charge. Contact us at (818) 501-0123 or email filmunit@americanhumane.org.

DECLARATION FORM - USE OF DEAD ANIMALS (ANIMAL PARTS)

DECLARATION BY ANIMAL PROVIDER:

I declare the following:

- I am an individual OR an authorized representative for the company providing such animal(s) and/or animal part(s).
- The animal(s) or animal part(s) are not known to harbor or transmit disease due to their death.
- I have personal knowledge of the animal(s) and/or animal part(s) provided. Describe what is being provided:

- The dead animal(s) and/or animal part(s) were provided to:

_____ *(The Production Company/Production Name)*

_____ *(Date)*

Choose all that apply below:

- Dead animal(s)/animal part(s) were destroyed in the normal course of our business operations and not killed for use in the filmed production. Our company business operation includes: (description of the business):

- Dead animal(s)/animal part(s) were found. Description of how/where/when found:

- Dead animal(s)/animal part(s) are part of an inventory of preserved animals/animal parts maintained by myself/the company. The animal(s)/animal part(s) contained in this inventory died of natural causes and were not intentionally killed for use on film productions.

Describe how the animal(s)/animal part(s) provided become part of the inventory:

- Other. Describe any other situation/circumstance not listed:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PRODUCTION:

I acknowledge the Guideline and Advisory regarding use of dead animals (animal parts). I have received the animal(s) (animal part(s)) and am not aware of any information contrary to the DECLARATION BY ANIMAL PROVIDER (above).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Company: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____