

SOP No: AHT 39

SUBJECT: Euthanasia of Rats (Lethobarb).

POLICY:

PRECAUTIONS: Gloves, eye protection, mask, long-sleeved gown, closed in shoes.

EQUIPMENT: 26g needle
2ml syringe
Lethobarb (15mg/100g)

PROCEDURE:

1. Restrain rat.
2. Administer Lethobarb as I/P injection.
3. Monitor vital signs to ensure that animal is dead.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Intra-hepatic injection of Lethobarb will induce a more rapid anaesthesia and death.

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