

**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
**Office of Research Integrity**  
**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**  
**SOP # 22**  
**Title: Nonsurvival Surgery**

**Purpose**

The purpose is to provide guidance on the technique to use for nonsurvival surgery.

**Background:**

In nonsurvival surgery, an animal is euthanized before recovery from anesthesia.

**Procedures:**

For nonsurvival surgery technique, at a minimum:

- The surgical site is to be clipped
- The surgeon will wear gloves
- The instruments and surrounding area are clean

For nonsurvival procedures of extended duration, attention to aseptic technique may be important in order to ensure stability of the model and a successful outcome. If you have questions contact the Attending Veterinarian when submitting nonsurgical procedures to the IACUC for review and approval.

**References:**

*Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, page 118.