

SECTION .0500 – EUTHANASIA BY INJECTION

02 NCAC 52J .0501 INTRACARDIAC INJECTION

Intracardiac injection for euthanasia shall only be administered under the following conditions:

- (1) due to injury or other medical condition, the animal is unconscious, or the animal has been rendered unconscious by administration of a general anesthetic;
- (2) due to medical condition of the animal and/or size of the animal, intravenous or intraperitoneal administration is not practical or humane;
- (3) the absence of a pain response has been verified prior to the administration of the intracardiac injection and this verification is documented in the animal's record; and
- (4) the justification for an intracardiac injection rather than an intravenous or intraperitoneal route of administration has been documented in the animal's record.

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