



Euthanasia Action Plan for Sheep & Goats

Work with your veterinarian to develop a euthanasia action plan appropriate for each species and stage of production on your farm. This plan should be kept in an obvious location in the barn. Review the plan with any new employees and annually with all staff and your veterinarian.

Farm Name: _____

Date: _____ **Prepared by:** _____

Phase of Production	Euthanasia Method	Alternative Method
Lambs and Kids		
Ewes and Does		
Rams and Bucks		

Important Telephone Numbers:

1. Veterinarian: _____

Phone: _____

After Hours/Emergency: _____

2. Transporter: _____

Phone: _____

3. Non-ambulatory Transporter: _____

Phone: _____

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Methods of On-farm Euthanasia and Their Considerations

Method	Human Safety	Animal Welfare	Skills Required	Cost	Other
Overdose by Barbiturate	Restrain the animal	Excellent rating	Proper technique for intravenous injection	Veterinary fee	Can only be administered by licenced veterinarian
Penetrating Captive Bolt	Restrain the animal Be cautious of falling or thrashing animals	Good rating Correct cartridge strength, target site and penetration angle on animal is essential	Correct and safe use of captive bolt pistol Correct and safe use of sharp knife	Low – after purchase of captive bolt pistol	Results in some body movement Results in large volume of blood that requires proper disposal
Gunshot	Restrain the animal Be cautious of falling or thrashing animals Be extremely cautious about bullet ricochet	Good rating Correct size of firearm and ammunition, and correct target site and penetration angle on animal is essential	Correct and safe use of firearm	Low – after purchase of firearm	Results in some body movement and blood Requires firearm acquisition certificate Local by-laws may prohibit the use of firearms

