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13. The Foundation considers euthanasia acceptable, with informed consent of the owner or responsible agent, when an animal develops unanticipated illness or injury that results in pain and suffering that cannot be alleviated with standard methods. All grant applications must describe the disposition of the euthanized animals upon completion of the project.
14. The Foundation reserves the right to terminate funding of a study if progress is deemed unsatisfactory or if there are concerns about animal well-being.
15. Exceptions to the above policy may be requested jointly by the Chief Scientific Officer and Chairman of the Grants Committee and will require the Foundation's Board of Directors Executive Committee approval.

Questions regarding compliance with the Foundation's Humane Use of Animals Policy should be directed to [chfgrants@akcchf.org](mailto:chfgrants@akcchf.org).

I have read and will abide by the Foundation's Humane Use of Animals Policy:

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Name (Please Print)

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Signature

Date

**Approved by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors 12/2/2012**