

Guidelines for Disposing Carcass of Animals In Zoos

Note: These guidelines mandate that animal carcasses must be disposed of either by burning or burying. Carcasses of leopards, lions and tigers must be burned in the presence of zoo directors to prevent any possibilities of smuggling or illegal trade in articles or trophies.

Where animals die of anthrax or other communicable diseases, they must be buried without opening of their body cavities.

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The Technical Committee of Central Zoo Authority Discussed the mode of disposal of carcasses of the animals that die in zoos. The normal method of disposal of carcasses should be either burying or burning.

Special care has to be taken in respect of carcasses of leopards, lions and tigers. These should be disposed of by burning in the presence of zoo directors themselves, so that the possibilities of skeleton/trophies being smuggled into illegal trade can totally be ruled out. Skinning of animals and processing their skins for making trophies leads not only in wastage of government money but also involves the risk of some of these trophies being smuggled into clandestine trade.

The carcasses of animals that die of anthrax or such other communicable diseases should be disposed of only by burying, without opening the body cavity.