

## ANIMALS OUTSIDE VIVARIA

### IF ANIMALS ARE NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE VIVARIUM AT THE TIME OF EMERGENCY:

- In a disaster or serious emergency, human safety is the primary concern. Animal safety is a secondary consideration. **Do the following only if it is safe to remain in the area.**
  - **If the animal is outside of its cage or carrier:**
    - **If the animal is awake and alert:**  
Immediately secure the animal in its cage or transport container
    - **If an animal is undergoing a procedure:**
      - **If no surgical incision has been made:**  
Recover the animal from anesthesia and secure as above
      - **If an animal is undergoing surgery:**
        - **If recovery would be appropriate:**  
Close, recover, and secure the animal as above
        - **If recovery would not be humane in the available time frame:**  
Euthanize the animal with an overdose of an injectable anesthetic or euthanasia agent
- **Once secured, transport the animal to its home vivarium or to a DLAM return room.**
- **If an animal is not returned to a DLAM-maintained housing room, the lab is responsible for the animal's health and welfare during the recovery period after the initial emergency has passed. Report this to DLAM at (310) 825-2200 so proper care can be assured during this time.** This includes housing in all ARC-approved study areas.