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Dear license applicant,

A license to handle dead, dying, disabled or diseased animals (4D) is needed by any person who buys, sells, transports, or otherwise handles any animal which has died other than by slaughter, or any animals which display symptoms of having any of the following:

- (A) central nervous system disorder;
- (B) abnormal temperature, high or low;
- (C) difficult breathing;
- (D) abnormal swellings;
- (E) lack of muscular coordination;
- (F) inability to walk normally or stand; or
- (G) any of the conditions for which livestock is required to be condemned on antemortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

A licensed 4D handler must ensure that the recipient of the carcasses is a facility that is a licensed animal food manufacturer, renderer, or commercial slaughter establishment, or is otherwise approved for composting. A list of businesses approved for composting can be found on the ANR DEC website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/solid-waste-facilities>.

Additionally, there are specific record keeping requirements and transportation requirements. Enclosed are copies of the applicable sections of [Vermont's Meat and Poultry Inspection law](#) and associated [Code of Vermont Rules](#). In the associated rules, **Sections 320.1-320.4** are specific for record keeping requirements, and **325.20-329.6** are specific to transportation requirements.

If you have questions, please contact the Meat Inspection Section at agr.meatinspection@vermont.gov, or 802-828-2426.

Thank you for your attention.

