

How are species divided in the Sick Animal Response Program?

To triage Sick Animal Response, animals are divided into either *Directed* or *Designated* Species.

Directed Species	Designated Species
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pigs, sheep, dogs, cats, non-human primates, and rabbits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All species not listed as directed, e.g., rodents, birds, and fish

What is the difference in response to health concerns involving *Directed* and *Designated* Species?

Directed Species' health concerns are directly managed by an Institutional Veterinarian.

Designated Species' health concerns are managed by qualified Sick Animal Response (SAR) Designates, often according to veterinarian-approved treatment algorithms.

In what other scenarios might an Institutional Veterinarian directly manage a health concern?

In addition to *Directed Species* health concerns, an Institutional Veterinarian manages the following cases, as required:

- Conditions as determined by the Animal Care Committee (ACC) or an Institutional Veterinarian,
- Any sick animals associated with experimental groups experiencing increased morbidity,
- Any animal identified by an Institutional Veterinarian or the ACC to require his/her direct involvement on a case-by-case basis.

How may Veterinary Care be delegated to stakeholders?

Delegation of veterinary care is at the sole discretion of the Institutional Veterinarian. The veterinarian-approved delegate is responsible for managing the case to the standards of care commensurate with its condition and following veterinary directives. The delegate must be capable and qualified to provide care.

Animals other than those identified above may have their initial assessment and treatment delegated to Veterinary Delegates (e.g., SAR Designates, Veterinary Technicians, Animal Care Supervisors, trained and competent PIs, and their staff). Includes:

- As delegated directly by an Institutional Veterinarian
- *Designated Species* experiencing critical and non-critical health concerns,
- *Directed Species* experiencing non-critical health concerns,
- Sick animals associated with experimental groups with no known history of increased morbidity,
- Animals not identified by an Institutional Veterinarian or the Animal Care Committee (ACC) to require their direct involvement.