**571—111.8(481A) Disposition of animals.** Injured or orphaned animals which cannot be returned to their natural environment shall be transferred to someone with an educational project permit or, after being euthanized by or under the guidance of a licensed veterinarian, handled as follows:

• Transferred to someone with a scientific collector's license or a wildlife salvage permit after obtaining permission from the local state conservation officer, or

• Buried or burned according to Iowa Code chapter 167.

Specimens held under a wildlife salvage permit may be transferred to someone holding a scientific collector's license, a wildlife salvage permit, or burned or buried according to Iowa Code chapter 167 after obtaining permission from the local conservation officer.

All threatened and endangered species which have died, which must be euthanized, or which cannot be released shall be referred to the department of natural resources. The department of natural resources shall provide these specimens to persons who hold a scientific collector's license, a wildlife salvage permit, or an educational project permit or shall provide for proper disposal.