

INTERFERENCE WITH ANIMAL RESEARCH--WILLFUL, UNAUTHORIZED
RELEASE OF AN ANIMAL FROM AN ENCLOSURE OR RESTRAINING DEVICE.
G.S. 14-159.2(a)(3). MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with interference with animal research by the willful unauthorized release of an animal from any [enclosure] [restraining device] located within an animal research facility.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove two things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the defendant willfully released an animal kept within an animal research facility from any [enclosure] [restraining device] located within that animal research facility. An animal research facility is any facility where animals are kept within the facility for research in the advancement of medical, veterinary, dental, or biological sciences.¹

And Second, that this release was unauthorized.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant willfully released an animal kept within an animal research facility from an [enclosure] [restraining device] located within that facility, and that this release was unauthorized, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or both of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

¹G.S. 14-159.2(a)(1).

