





**INSPECTION REPORT**

IACUC prior to being conducted. Correct Immediately.

**2.32 ( a )**

**PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.**

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

\*\*\*There is an undergraduate student currently working in the bat facility with responsibility in direct care and handling of the bats. The student has not been listed on the protocol as being involved in the handling and care of these animals. In addition, there is no documentation indicating he has been adequately trained to care for the animals. All personnel responsible for care and handling of the animals shall be indicated in the protocol and documentation shall be maintained indicating they have been adequately trained to carry out their responsibilities. Correct by January 1, 2007.

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**2.33 ( b ) ( 2 )**

**2.33 ( b ) ( 3 )**

**ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.**

(a)(2) Each research facility shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use; and

\*\*\*There is insufficient authority for proper oversight of the bat project. In addition, currently there is no designated Project Veterinarian assigned to the protocol. An adequate means of communication must be developed and the research facility shall assure that the attending veterinarian has the appropriate authority for oversight. Correct Immediately.

(b)(2) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

\*\*\*There are expired medications (aspirin - 03/06, otomax - 07/05, bactoderm 06/05) in one of the medical storage cabinets in the treatment/procedure room of the SRR. All expired medications shall be properly disposed of or clearly separated and labeled as not for use on regulated species to prevent accidental use. Correct by January 30, 2007.

(b)(3) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

\*\*\*There is inadequate communication between the bat facility and the attending veterinarian. Information pertaining to care of the bats and changes to their disposition are not being conveyed to the attending veterinarian. There were bats transferred from the facility to another research facility with no notification and changes made in personnel responsible for care and observation that directly affect the care of the bats with no notification or approval. There are currently three bats in the hospital incubator and no records available or provided that indicate why they are there or what their treatment is. If the attending veterinarian is not conducting the daily observations there shall be an effective means of communication between the persons responsible for the

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observations and the attending veterinarian.

3.1 ( a )

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structure; construction. Housing facilities for dogs and cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

\*\*\*There is peeling and chipping paint on the wall adjacent to and the ceiling directly over the dog runs in two of the wards in the SRRC. Peeling and chipping paint may create surfaces that are no longer impermeable to moisture inhibiting proper sanitation. Paint chips that fall into the runs could be ingested by the dogs and cause illness. These items shall be repaired to allow proper sanitation and prevent illness. Correct by January 30, 2007.

3.6 ( a ) ( 2 )

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

(2)(ii) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they protect the dogs and from injury.

\*\*Pen #10 in Kennel A has a hole in the chain-link on the entrance gate to the kennel. This hole is large enough to allow a dog to get a leg caught in it which may lead to injury. This hole shall be repaired to prevent injury. Correct by December 22, 2006.

\*\*\*There are raised platforms approximately 4 inches high, placed in dog runs in the SRRC. These platforms are not joined together or secured to the walls of the enclosures leaving gaps between them, and between them and the walls of the enclosures which are wide enough for a dog to get a paw or leg through. This can cause injury and must be repaired or replaced. Correct by January 30, 2007.

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

(4) The floors of the primary enclosures shall be constructed so as to protect the rabbits' feet and legs from injury.

There are three rabbits in DLAH whose primary enclosures are on the floor. The floor is coated with an epoxy that has resulted in a smooth slippery surface. This surface does not provide adequate traction for the rabbits. There are small "36" inch plastic pools containing bedding provided for them in these enclosures but the rabbits do have access to the floor. We observed these rabbits slipping when attempting to cross the floor. Slipping on the floors may lead to injury. A proper surface shall be provided or the animals prevented from accessing the floors in order to prevent injury. Correct immediately.

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