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IU labs pile up 15 federal violations – two animals Dead; Watchdog Group again calls for another federal fine

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Recently obtained federal reports reveal that the IU school of medicine has piled up eight federal violations in two consecutive inspections (March 7 and June 6). These violations killed a pig and denied pain relief to dogs. These new incidents follow the negligent death of a dog at the Methodist Research Institute of IU which had seven violations of federal law in a March inspection.

Collectively the two IU facilities have amassed fifteen federal violations in just three inspections while killing several animals. Both labs have been cited for denying adequate pain relief to dogs.

The two IU Med School inspections by the USDA recount a total of 8 violations. The March inspection report lists four infractions by the IU Med School Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC), which are primarily relevant to improperly administering pain relievers to animals including dogs.

The June USDA report lists three more violations by the IU IACUC, and one citation for inadequate veterinary care. One of these violations involved an unapproved and therefore illegal procedure performed upon a pig, which resulted in the death of the animal.

A previously released USDA report recounts an incident in which a dog died during a surgical procedure at the Methodist Research Institute of IU due to negligence. The scathing four page report also reveals six other violations, several of which center around a dog who experienced so much pain he/she was unable to eat after receiving less than half the prescribed dose of pain medication.

“A pattern of painful and often fatal negligence at laboratories connected to IU is emerging,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “Now both the Medical School of IU and the Methodist Research Institute have unnecessarily caused substantial pain for dogs as well as killing animals through negligence.”

SAEN has contacted the Eastern Regional Office of USDA/APHIS/AC to demand that a fine be issued against the Indiana University Medical School.

All USDA reports are available upon request from SAEN.