

SAEN calls for Probe of Negligent Death at UK Medical Center

KANSAS CITY, KS – The University of Kansas (UK) Medical Center is again under fire for potential violations of federal law – and SAEN is on top of the case. A recent federal report reveals the negligent



death of a goat at UK.

Research Watchdog Group SAEN has filed an Official Complaint with the USDA, demanding the maximum penalty for the death.

A 2012 USDA inspection report reveals

the asphyxiation death: **“An animal on protocol 2010-1907 died... from respiratory failure and had signs of paralysis at the time of its death. These signs may indicate that the paralytic agent was not sufficiently reversed prior to recovery from anesthesia.”**

This same inspection report lists an additional violation for singly housing primates. An earlier USDA report dated July of 2011 showed five violations in the areas of *inadequate veterinary care, improper reporting, and improper experimental supervision by the UK Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee*. It has been confirmed that the University of Kansas Medical Center previously ran afoul of the Animal Welfare Act, with an open case pending, along with being notorious for paying a staggering \$62,000 fine for violations in 2010.

“Apparently, previous USDA enforcement actions were totally ignored by University of Kansas staff, and the facility has continued to violate federal laws,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “It’s criminal to allow an animal to suffocate.”

SAEN reveals Federal Violations at Clemson; 2 Animals Injured, 1 Dead

GREENVILLE, SC – Recently obtained federal reports reveal major violations of the Animal Welfare Act within the labs of Clemson University, according to National Research Watchdog, SAEN.

A recent federal report reveals that as part of a field study, Clemson staff inadvertently captured non-target animals – 3 raccoons. Apparently, the raccoons were not discovered to be trapped for a substantial period of time because: **“One raccoon chewed front digits when trapped and was euthanized. The animal was euthanized because foraging activity would be adversely effected with this injury. Two raccoons chewed rear digits and were released.”**

SAEN has filed an Official Complaint with the United States Department of Agriculture for potential violations of the Federal Animal Welfare Act for *inadequate observation of animals, improper animal handling, and unqualified personnel*.

“Clemson cannot argue that these violations did not occur,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “They listed these incidents in their OWN report.”



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