



## Inspection Report

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### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

No member may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an activity in which that member has a conflicting interest (e.g., is personally involved in the activity), except to provide information requested by the IACUC, nor may a member who has a conflicting interest contribute to the constitution of a quorum.

\*\*\*\*Three of the five members of the IACUC are the three primary investigators for all protocols. This constitutes a conflict of interest. The IACUC needs to be reorganized so that a quorum can be reached without the vote of the three primary investigators.

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**2.33** (a) **REPEAT**

### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

(a) Each research facility shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section.

\*\*\*\*Adequate veterinary care is defined as the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. Health records should be sufficiently comprehensive to demonstrate the delivery of adequate health care. Health records should include

- (1) the identity of the animal
- (2) a description of any illness, injury, distress, and/or behavioral abnormalities and the resolution of any noted problem
- (3) dates, details, and results of all medically-related observations, examinations, tests, and other such procedures
- (4) dates and other details of all treatments, including the name, dose, route, frequency, and duration of treatment with drugs  
or other medications, including routine vaccinations, de-wormings, etc.

Included under adequate veterinary care is the performance of necropsies when:

- (1) a facility is undergoing a high death loss
- (2) there is a significant number of unexplained deaths at the facility

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- (3) there exists a strong chance that an undiagnosed infectious disease is present at the facility
- (4) circumstances around a death indicate a violation of the AWA may have contribuyted to the situation.

A necropsy is defined as a post-mortem exam which includes a systemic gross pathology exam, appropriate microbiological culture and histopathology of lesions, and other indicated testing. All results should be recorded in the animal's medical record.

This facility has had 17 dog deaths and 15 cat deaths in the past year. Cause of death noted in the dog records was either "died pneumonia" or "culled". Some of these dogs had a notation in the veterinarian's calender that they received "treatment" on a specific day. This treatment usually consisted of some unnamed medication given for three days. According to the animal records none of these animals had diagnostics performed prior to treatment or death. If treatment was given the name of the treatment, dose, and route were not documented anywhere. According to the attending veterinarian, necropsies were performed on all dogs that "died of pneumonia" however only a gross exam was performed. No histopathology or microbiological cultures were taken to determine the cause of the excessive number of "pneumonia" cases.

Of the 15 cat deaths, seven were "culled because fractious", two had no records indicating death or escape, three died of "pneumonia", one died with no cause recorded, and one escaped. Of the three animals that died of "pneumonia" only one was treated with the three day unnamed medication. Again no diagnostics were performed pre or post mortem

The lack of diagnostics (pre and post mortem), inadequate treatment, lack of disease control, and lack of appropriate records constitutes inappropriate veterinary care and subjects these cats and dogs to unnecessary pain and suffering.

A veterinary program that provides adequate veterinary care as defined by the above explanation needs to be implemented.

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#### RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

(c) In addition to the information required to be kept and maintained by every research facility concerning each live dog or cat under paragraph (a) of this section, every research facility transporting, selling, or otherwise disposing of any live dog or cat to another person, shall make and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information:

- (2)The date of transportation, sale, euthanasia, or other disposition of the animal.

\*\*\*\*At least two cats and two dogs on the current animal inventory for 2010 had been culled or died in 2009 according to their individual records. This indicates the dog and cat inventories are not being kept current and correct. Current and accurate records of acquisition, animal identification, and disposition need to be maintained.

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