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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

<>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, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;>>

During the inspection, four vials of Hydromorphone, stored in the drug box in the surgery area for nonhuman primates, were found to have expired as of 5/09. An syringe filled with a fluid which was not identified was found in a drug box in the nonhuman primate facility. Use of unlabeled and expired medical materials are not considered to be adequate veterinary care since the desired effect may not be predictable and therefore may not relieve the animal's pain and/or distress.

Programs of veterinary care shall include appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Corrected on site.

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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

<<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;>>

During a review of the facility's records, it was noted that a 3.5 year old male nonhuman primate had been found dead due to malnutrition with a resulting 25% loss of body weight. The animal had been introduced into a new group of conspecific animals and was being observed daily by the staff for any signs of aggression from the group. The

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facility has a protocol for collection of weights on the primates at least monthly but this animal had not been weighed for greater than 2 months prior to his death. This mechanism of monthly weights may have allowed the staff to recognize the animal's loss of body condition in a timely manner in order to prevent his death.

A mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on an animal's health and well-being may be conveyed to the Attending Veterinarian.

The facility has instituted a more strict mechanism of identifying animals which are overdue for monthly weight collection.

Corrected.

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HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

<Storage...Food requiring refrigeration must be stored accordingly, and all food must be stored in a manner that</p> prevents contamination and deterioration of its nutritive value.>>

The shelves of the refrigerator in the Veterinary Services area for the second floor unit of nonhuman primate housing were soiled and had a buildup of food debris. A bunch of bananas and 1/2 of a yam were stored in this refrigerator purportedly for use by the Psychological Well-Being (PWB) staff for environmental enhancement for some of the primates. This food was not stored such that it was protected from contamination or deterioration.

All food must be store in a manner that prevents contamination and deterioration of its nutritive value.

To be corrected by 9/24/09.

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

<< Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they: Provide sufficient space for the nonhuman</p> primates to make normal postural adjustments with freedom of movement.>>

During the inspection, two adult male baboons with cranial implants were noted to be unable to sit upright in a normal manner when on the perch in their primary enclosure due to the height of the implant.

Primary enclosures must provide sufficient space for the nonhuman primates to make normal postural adjustments.

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Inspection performed 9/15-17/09. Accompanied on inspection by the Director, Office of Animal Welfare, the Associate Director for Research Resources, the Occupational Health and Biosafety Coordinator, several Animal Technicians, several Husbandry and Animal Tech Supervisors, several Veterinary Services personnel, the Assistant Director, Husbandry Unit, Program Coordinators, a PWB Technician, the Decentralized Facilities Program Coordinator, and a Laboratory Technician.

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