



## Inspection Report

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This was a focused inspection based on the non-compliant items that were identified during the last inspection. Registrant has successfully corrected all of the non-compliant items from the last inspection and was in compliance with AWA Regulations and Standards at the time of today's inspection.

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### 2.31 (d) (1) (xi)

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

2.31 (d) (1) (xi) - "The IACUC shall determine that the proposed activities or significant changes in ongoing activities meet the following requirements: (xi) Methods of euthanasia used must be in accordance with the definition of the term set forth in 9 CFR part 1, Sec. 1.1 of this subchapter, unless a deviation is justified for scientific reasons, in writing, by the investigator."

1. Review of Protocol #00-013: Thoracic compression is listed as one of the methods of euthanasia to be used in a field setting in small rodents. This method of euthanasia is considered acceptable for small to medium sized species of Birds only and is not considered to be appropriate for other species of animals. The written proposal for animal use does not contain a scientific justification for the use of this physical method of euthanasia for small Rodents.

The method(s) of euthanasia included in a proposal for animal use must be in accordance with the definition set forth in the 9 CFR unless a scientific justification for a deviation is requested in writing by the investigator. The AV and IACUC need to address this item identified for this proposal. Correct by 10/1/09

### 2.31 (e) (3)

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

2.31 (e) (3) -"A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (3) A complete description of the proposed use of the animals."

1. Review of Protocol #00-013:

a. The text of the proposal for animal use includes several inconsistencies.

i. Section 7 states that the drugs Ketamine and Xylazine will be used for anesthesia and will be administered by the IM route; Section 8 states that the drugs Ketamine, Xylazine, and Nembutal will be used for anesthesia and will be administered by the IP or IM routes.

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ii. Section 8 states that animals will be collected in the field using a trap and then transported to the laboratory in the trap for up to 5 days; Section 13 (pertains to animal transport) states that the animals will not be housed in cages other than those provided by the animal facility.

iii. Section 8 states that during transport, the animals will be provided with "grain and apples to prevent dehydration"; Section 13 (pertains to animal transport) states that the animals will be provided with "food and water ad libitum".

b. There was an insufficient description and details provided in the proposal for animal use pertaining to the location(s) where the animal collection activity in the field will be taking place and the multi-day transportation of the animals from the field location(s) to the laboratory.

A proposal for animals use must contain a complete description of the proposed use of the animals in order for the IACUC to determine that the proposed activities are in accordance with the AWA Regulations. The IACUC needs to address this item identified for the proposal. Correct by 10/1/09.

### 2.31 (e) (5)

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

2.31 (e) (5) - "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (5) A description of any euthanasia method to be used."

1. Review of Protocol #00-013: There is no description of the method(s) of euthanasia to be used for the animals that will be housed on the premises as required by this Section.

A proposal for animal use must contain a description of any euthanasia method to be used. The IACUC needs to address this deficiency identified for this proposal. Correct by 10/1/09.

### 2.33 (a) (1)

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

2.33 (a) (1) - "Each research facility shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the research facility."

1. The written Program of Veterinary Care (PVC) from the part-time Attending Veterinarian dated 7/2/09 contains insufficient information regarding the species of animals at the facility to be included by the PVC, parasite control, and the method(s) of euthanasia to be used.

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The written PVC should include complete information pertaining to all aspects of veterinary care for each of the species of animal at the facility to ensure the use and availability of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries. The written PVC needs to be updated to include the missing information. Correct by 10/1/09.

NOTE - This was the first inspection of this newly registered research facility. Record keeping requirements, the Program of Veterinary Care, access to IACUC records during a USDA inspection, and the USDA inspection process itself were discussed as part of the inspection conducted today.

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