



## Inspection Report

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Customer ID: 895

Certificate: 57-R-0002

Site: 001

ANIMAL CARE FACILITY (CB)

1458 LANEY WALKER BLVD CB 1901

DIVISION OF LAB. ANIMAL SERVICES

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jul-22-2009

AUGUSTA, GA 30912

### 3.11 (c)

#### CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

(c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin.

\*\*\* In one of the surgical suites of the facility, there was peeling and flaking paint on the ceiling of this suite. This is an area where surgical procedures are performed and at times sterility is warranted especially for survival procedures. This is not consistent with good housekeeping or good animal husbandry practices. This may expose the animal to possible cross contamination during surgical procedures potentially putting the animal at risk for postoperative complications.

Also, in the clean cage wash area, there are facility pipes and duct work in the ceiling with peeling and flaking insulation. This is not consistent with good housekeeping or good animal husbandry practices. This may expose the animal to foreign bodies that could lead to negative health issues. This may also act as breeding and harboring areas for pests.

Premises should be kept clean and in good repair to facilitate good husbandry practices and protect animals from harm and reduce breeding areas for pests.

Correct by 24 Aug 2009

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3.11 (d)

### CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

(d) Pest control. An effective program for the control of insects, external parasites affecting dogs and cats, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

\*\*\* In one of the unoccupied dog rooms, there was evidence of pest infestation (pest smears and specks). There were live pests noted on the door frame and outer wall and several dead pest carcasses located in the room. This is not consistent with good housekeeping or good animal husbandry practices. This may expose the animal to diseases and does not promote good animal health as pests are known to harbor and carry disease and cause contamination of areas where they are present.

Correct by 31 July 2009

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### 3.2 (d)

#### INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

(d) Interior surfaces. The floors and walls of indoor housing facilities, and any other surfaces in contact with the animals, must be impervious to moisture. The ceilings of indoor housing facilities must be impervious to moisture or be replaceable (e.g., a suspended ceiling with replaceable panels).

\*\*\*The ceiling in room 1333 housing 7 large dogs is damaged. There is an area approx. 5 inches in diameter adjacent to the light bank in the central area of the ceiling where the surface coating has worn away. This damaged area is not impervious to moisture. Ceilings of indoor housing facilities must be impervious to moisture to facilitate proper cleaning and sanitization procedures. Correct by: 01 Mar 08.

#### Reviewed:

- 1.) Current IACUC roster
- 2.) IACUC minutes (17 Jan 08, 15 Dec 07, 17 Nov 07, 20 Oct 07, 22 Sep 07, 18 Aug 07, 21 Jun 07, 24 May 07, 19 Apr 07, 22 Mar 07)
- 3.) IACUC reports to Institutional Official (20 Dec 07/04 Jan 08, 26 Jul 07/06 Aug 07)
- 4.) IACUC facility semi-annual inspections and program reviews (Nov/Dec 07, Jun/Jul 07)
- 5.) Protocols (06-06-798, 06-05-786, 08-01-515)

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### 2.31 (c) (3)

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

(c) IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall:

(3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility...The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency. Any failure to adhere to the plan and schedule that results in a significant deficiency remaining uncorrected shall be reported in writing within 15 business days by the IACUC, through the Institutional Official, to APHIS and any Federal agency funding that activity;

\*\*\*IACUC facility semi-annual inspection reports for Jul 06 and Dec 06 identify major deficiencies with the air-handling system in the Dugas building. The report indicates impending failure of the air handling system with potentially high risk of animal mortality. The Jul 06 report indicates that a plan for addressing this issue will be implemented. The Dec 06 report indicates that the problem still exists; however, there is no documented plan for continuing to pursue correction of this item. No progress (relocation of animals or revision of air-handling system) has been performed to date. Facility reports must contain specific corrective plans of action accompanied by correction date. A specific plan of action for corrections to the Dugas building must be developed and acted upon. Correct by: 01 Apr 07.

#### Reviewed:

- 1.) IACUC Minutes (15 Feb 07, 18 Jan 07, 21 Dec 06, 16 Nov 06, 19 Oct 06, 21 Sep 06, 24 Aug 06)
- 2.) IACUC Facility Semi-Annual Inspections (Dec 06, Jul 06)
- 3.) IACUC Reports to Institutional Official (Jan 07, Aug 06)
- 4.) Protocols (05-10-704, 05-04-097, 06-10-884)

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\*\*\* At the time of inspection there were no noncompliance items noted.

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### 3.75 (e)

#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(e) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding must be stored in a manner that protects the supplies from spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation. The supplies must be stored off the floor and away from the walls, to allow cleaning underneath and around the supplies. Substances that are toxic to the nonhuman primates but that are required for normal husbandry practices must not be stored in food storage and preparation areas, but may be stored in cabinets in the animal areas.

\*\*\*Animal food rewards in lab room 111A share shelf space with bleach and other cleaning chemicals. Chemicals are also on the shelves above the food items. Food must be stored in a manner that minimizes risk of contamination. Correct by: 29 Feb 08.

### 3.84 (c)

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\*\*\*Several door frames of animal rooms at Gracewood including but not limited to rooms 129, 119, and 126 are rusting at the bases. The surfaces are pitted and multiple holes are visible in the metal frames. A powdery grey substance can be tapped loose from some of the damaged areas. This inhibits proper cleaning and sanitization of the surface. Additionally, the damaged door frames provide living space for vermin. The door frames must be replaced or repaired to provide a surface that facilitates pest control and is impervious to moisture for proper cleaning and sanitization. A plan for correcting the problem must be developed by: 30 Mar 08.

\*\*\*There is ceiling damage in the vicinity of the Gracewood cagewasher. A linear area measuring approx. 2 inches by 5 inches is noted near the ceiling vent. Additionally, there are 2 holes in the ceiling near the exit door in the hallway adjacent to the cagewash area. These areas are difficult to properly clean and sanitize; and, holes provide

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living space for vermin. Correct by: 15 Mar 08.

**3.84** (d)

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(d) Pest control. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

\*\*\*Holes in door frames and ceilings provide hiding areas for pests. Roaches were noted in dry feed storage area and gutters behind animal enclosures. Effective pest control programs include elimination of vermin hiding areas and adjustment of pest control treatment frequencies as needed. This area must be reassessed by qualified pest control personnel and plan must to address pest issues must be developed accordingly. Correct by: 01 Mar 08.

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- 3.) IACUC reports to Institutional Official (20 Dec 07/04 Jan 08, 26 Jul 07/06 Aug 07)
- 4.) IACUC facility semi-annual inspections and program reviews (Nov/Dec 07, Jun/Jul 07)
- 5.) Non-human primate environmental enrichment log

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\*\*\*The cage wash area in the Gracewood facility is in disrepair. The floor consists of grouted ceramic tile. There is an area in the center of the floor measuring approx. 6 in. x 12 in. where the tiles are missing. This creates a pit in the floor with standing water in it. Additionally, there is exposed porous concrete beneath the tile that inhibits proper cleaning and sanitation of the floor surface. Areas along the rear wall have excessively chipped tiles and there are holes in the coved surface of the wall. Grouting between the tiles has worn away in most areas. Concrete and mold are observed between the tiles. The cage wash area cannot be cleaned and sanitized properly. A plan for repair and replacement of this floor surface must be established by: 31 Apr 07.

\*\*\*Damaged individual floor tiles are also noted in the corners of several non-human primate rooms and in the aisleway outside the animal rooms. There are areas in the corners of the animal rooms where the tiles have been patched. In addition to inhibiting proper cleaning and sanitation of the area, further damage to the flooring (to the extent of that observed in the cage wash area) will impede movement of animal cages/racks in this area. This poses a threat to both the animals and personnel handling the racks. Assessment of this area accompanied by a long-term maintenance plan must be established by: 31 Apr 07.

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