



Inspection Report

THOMAS WALSH

Customer ID: **39947**

Certificate: **11-R-0027**

CAT'S PAW FARM

Site: 001

52 LEBANON RD

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Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jul-21-2009

NORTH BERWICK, ME 03906

2.31 (c) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

IACUC functions.

(3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required in this section. The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members.

1) The reports for the February 2009 IACUC meeting have not yet been signed.

Correct at the time of the next IACUC meeting in 8/09

2.33 (b) (4)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(4) Guidance to principal investigator and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding euthanasia.

1) Section IV Part E of the Program of Veterinary Care should be updated to indicate that lethal injection under sedation is now the method of euthanasia.

This is for the welfare of the animals.

Correct at the time of the next IACUC meeting in 8/09.

NOTE: This is a computer generated version of a report that was originally handwritten on 7/21/09.

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INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

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

- (1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation;
- (2) Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animal study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A-Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation; Provided, however, That animal areas containing free-living wild animals in their natural habitat need not be included in such inspection;
- (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; Provided, however, That the IACUC may determine the best means of conducting evaluations of the research facility's programs and facilities; and Provided, further, That no Committee member wishing to participate in any evaluation conducted under this subpart may be excluded. The IACUC may use subcommittees composed of at least two Committee members and may invite ad hoc consultants to assist in conducting the evaluations, however, the IACUC remains responsible for the evaluations and reports as required by the Act and regulations. The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations and shall be maintained by the research facility and made available to APHIS and to officials of funding Federal agencies for inspection and copying upon request. 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. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. 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;

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1) The first meeting of the facility's IACUC took place 12/07. At that time the program for humane care and use was reviewed and the facility was inspected; however the review and inspection has not occurred since that time. These activities, by regulation, and for the welfare of the animals, must occur at least once every six months. Correct by 8/15/08.

2) The facility inspection does not distinguish significant from minor deficiencies nor does it give a plan, schedule, and date for correcting the deficiencies.

It is important to the welfare of the animals that these items be detailed.

Correct at the time of the next facility inspection.

NOTE: Prior to the inspection of 9/11/07, the licensee had been euthanizing animals (rabbits and sheep) by gunshot or gunshot followed by exsanguination. Because these methods are considered only conditionally acceptable by the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia, the licensee is presently having animals euthanized by a local veterinarian, by injection. He is now considering the use of carbon dioxide as the method of euthanasia for the rabbits.

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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(4) Guidance to principal investigators and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia.

1) Presently the program of veterinary care calls for gunshot or gunshot followed by exsanguination as the method of euthanasia for rabbits and sheep respectively. These methods are considered only conditionally acceptable by the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia.

Correct immediately.

3.56 (a)

SANITATION.

Cleaning of primary enclosures.

(1) Primary enclosures shall be kept reasonably free of excreta, hair, cobwebs and other debris by periodic cleaning. Measures shall be taken to prevent the wetting of rabbits in such enclosures if a washing process is used.

1) An excessive accumulation of cobwebs and hair was noted on the rabbit cages.

Such an accumulation can be harmful to the health of the animals.

Correct by 9/21/07.

3.56 (c)

SANITATION.

Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

1) An excessive accumulation of cobwebs was noted on the ceilings (corners) of the rabbit room.

Such an accumulation may be harmful to the health of the animals.

Correct by 9/21/07.

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3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

1) The light bulb above the sheep pen should have a guard around it to protect the animals from injury in case it should break.

Correct by 9/21/07.

Note:

The registrant was approved by USDA in May 2007.

Although the members of the IACUC have been appointed they are not familiar with the functions of the committee and have not yet held their first meeting.

This inspector reviewed the functions with the registrant and will provide him with additional information in order to establish an appropriately functioning committee; the first meeting of which is scheduled for October 2007.

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