



Inspection Report

University Of Iowa
Office of Animal Resources, Office of the IACUC
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University Of Iowa

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Date: 28-AUG-2025

2.31(e)(3)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

A protocol for the use of ferrets lists administration of approved substances by intravenous or intratracheal routes. The attending veterinarian determined that an investigator administered an approved substance intranasally even though this route is not on the IACUC approved protocol.

The IACUC is responsible for reviewing all aspects of animal care and use, and for evaluating protocols in order to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. In order to properly accomplish this function, the IACUC must be aware of all procedures being conducted. Procedures must be completely described to enable the IACUC to conduct a thorough review of the components of the activities related to the care and use of animals, including route of administration, to be able to determine that the proposed activities are in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act.

Corrective measure had been implemented at the time of inspection on 8-28-25.

2.38(f)(1)

Miscellaneous.

4 ferrets assigned to protocol #1071945 were not handled as carefully as possibly by staff. The ferrets were left in a procedure room overnight following non-surgical anesthesia and were not returned to their enclosures. The ferrets did not have access to food or water during this time and had chewed on a paper drape in the room. When the animals were returned to their enclosure the were evaluated by a veterinarian who determined there were no adverse health concerns and no medical treatment was indicated.

Leaving animals unattended in an area that is not intended for animal housing can expose the animals to hazards and leave them with no access to food or water. All animals must be handled in a manner that does not cause harm or unnecessary discomfort. The facility corrected this by adding documentation to anesthesia records to indicate the time that animals are returned to their enclosures.

This incident was voluntarily reported to USDA and corrective measures had been implemented at the time of inspection on 8-28-25.

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