



Inspection Report

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
212 TUCKER HALL
310 EAST CAMPUS ROAD
ATHENS, GA 30602

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Certificate: **57-R-0005**
Site: 003
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Date: 14-MAR-2023

2.31(d)(1)(ix)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Many areas in the Junior Surgery Superlab building, which is divided into a surgical area with many surgical bays for teaching, a presurgical preparation and recovery area, and two separate individual surgery suites, were found in need of cleaning to provide aseptic conditions:

- One of the individual surgery suites, behind closed doors, that was used the same day of inspection for an aseptic surgical procedure, had three yellow dried lines on the far wall as well as puddles of dried yellow substance in the overhead light fixture cover from a previous leak. In that same room, gray black material could be seen in some areas on the floor and a large amount of brown/grey material was seen covering two tiles below a chair.
- Within the surgery bays and pre-surgical areas used for teaching veterinary students' sterile surgical procedures, splatters of red, pink, and yellow substances could be seen in many areas of the white tiled floors.
- Some black streaks were seen on many tiles of the floor and in one surgical bay, a large (about 5 inches long) red substance was seen marking the floor.
- A significant amount of dirt and hair could be seen at many of the corners and around the metal pipes and pedals for the surgical prep sinks.
- Many of the surgery bays had small areas, varying approximately 1 to 3 inches in length by about 1 inch wide, of the

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flooring tile material that were damaged and/or missing a portion of their top waterproof layer, allowing the interior layer of material to be visible. This material cannot be sanitized and maintained in aseptic conditions. Animals are treated and/or recovered on these floors in the prep/recovery area. Maintaining the surgery areas where major operative survival procedures will be performed under aseptic conditions is necessary to ensure the well-being of the animals. Major operative procedures on non-rodents will be conducted only in facilities which shall be operated and maintained under aseptic conditions.

Correct by: June 15, 2023.

2.33(b)(3) Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

A female deer (W196) was found excessively salivating and stumbling into a fence on October 25, 2022. She was euthanized and submitted for necropsy. The necropsy report noted her as emaciated likely secondary to pneumonia. Prior to that date, the facility's daily observation did not identify the severe weight loss affecting this animal that would have taken time to develop. In addition, the IACUC approved an exemption regarding the way daily observation is done for the deer by waiving the need to identify each individual daily, on the premise that ID reading is challenging and can stress the animals. This exemption was not scientifically required for a study. Failure to identify medical conditions such as significant weight loss by daily observation led to potential treatment delays which negatively impacted the health and well-being of this deer. Thorough daily observation of all animals is necessary to assess their health and well-being. A more rigorous method of daily observation of all animals must be implemented in combination with direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian for timely diagnosis and adequate medical attention.

Correct by: April 17, 2023

2.38(f)(1) Critical

Miscellaneous.

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The facility self-reported to their IACUC the injury of one dog (ID CLICSH) on November 7, 2022, while it was under anesthesia for a study. An electrical current, that should have been paused during the study, was instead given in a continuous manner. The dog was seen limping the following day and was found to have third-degree burns on the front forelimb, below the elbow, about 2 x 2 centimeters in diameter that required surgical debridement as well as further treatment. This was deemed a human error by the investigator who stated they misunderstood the manual and thought the chosen setting of the electrical current device was paused, but instead was on a continuous setting for the duration of the study. The handling was not done as carefully as possible and caused undue pain and/or distress to this dog. All animal handling including study manipulations must be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort to the animal.

Corrective actions had been developed and implemented prior to inspection.

3.80(a)(2)(ii)

Primary enclosures.

A female macaque (152-20) on October 10, 2022, was found with her right arm stuck through the floor grate of her primary enclosure, past the elbow, unable to pull her arm back through due to the pan tray below the grate being pushed aside. Per the facility, the primate was found soon after the incident occurred and remained calm however, she had to be sedated, and parts of the enclosure were cut away in order to free the arm. During medical evaluation and treatment under sedation, her right arm was found to be swollen and bruised in the area around the elbow, but she recovered uneventfully. The enclosure, in permitting the sliding of the tray below, allowed the primate to injure herself. The primary enclosure for non-human primates must protect them from injury.

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3.125(a)

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Facilities, general.

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Two separate facilities were found with the following areas of concern:

- A pasture at the Oconee County Farm containing two horses, to the right of the main walkway behind the horse barn, had multiple sharp points protruding 1-2 inches in length, from a post adjacent to a gate where horses could be led out, pointing in towards the enclosure approximately every 6-12 inches for a total of about 4 feet of height.
- Another pasture at the Oconee County Farm containing two horses, located adjacent to the beef production unit and closest to the road, had half a panel of wire paneling missing in a triangular shape approximately 24 inches tall by 48 inches wide, leaving behind a very large opening.
- Within the primary enclosure of the deer in Pen E there were multiple sharp points located on a wooden post where remnants of a previous fence had been located. Sharp points, varying from approximately 1 to 2-1/2 inches in length, of the remnant metal fencing were pointing into the enclosure approximately every 6 inches for about 6 feet of height.

Failure to maintain enclosures in good repair could result in injury and/or escape.

All enclosures must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury or escape.

Corrected by the end of the inspection.

3.127(a)

Facilities, outdoor.

Two paddock/pastures, each with a singly housed university owned horse, were inspected early afternoon on a bright sunny day and neither paddock had any shade at that time or natural cover. Lack of shade may lead to overheating or discomfort to the animals. All outdoor facilities must provide means that allow the animals to protect themselves from direct sunlight.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000141	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000031	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000020	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000048	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000044	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000040	<i>Equus caballus</i>	DOMESTIC HORSE
000186	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000043	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000112	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000003	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000016	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE / SNOW MACAQUE
000027	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000005	<i>Aotus vociferans</i>	SPIXS NIGHT MONKEY
000003	<i>Aotus nancymae</i>	NANCY MA'S NIGHT MONKEY
000007	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000052	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000778	Total	