



Inspection Report

University of Alabama at Birmingham
720 ADMINISTRATION BLDG
1530 3RD AVENUE SOUTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35294

Customer ID: **832**
Certificate: **64-R-0004**
Site: 001
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 08-MAY-2024

2.38(f)(1) Critical

Miscellaneous.

Documented in the January 2024 IACUC meeting minutes, on January 9th 2024 a Syrian hamster was found entrapped and deceased between the food hopper and the lid in its enclosure after a cage change. After speaking with the clinical veterinarian who conducted the investigation regarding the event, she explained that there were no abnormalities found with the enclosure and occurred due to improper closing of the lid to the cage. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort. Corrected prior to inspection on May 8th, 2024.

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Feeding.

Reported in the OLAW adverse event letter dated April 22, 2024, a colony of 110 Syrian hamsters had been fed an expired diet from December 1st, 2023 to January 12th, 2024 by the animal care staff. The veterinary staff were not informed until January 12th, 2024. Expired food may lose some of its nutritional value and no longer be wholesome. Food must be free from contamination, wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the hamster. Corrected prior to the inspection on May 8th, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Executive Director ARP, the Attending Veterinarian, the IACUC Director and other facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000016	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000003	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000053	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000010	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000008	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000152	<i>Tupaia belangeri</i>	NORTHERN TREE SHREW
000000	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000242	Total	