



## Inspection Report

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Wheaton College  
Vivarium Science Center, 26 E Main St  
Norton, MA 02766

Customer ID: **151**  
Certificate: **14-R-0177**  
Site: 001  
WHEATON COLLEGE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 30-OCT-2023

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### 3.153(a)(1)(iii)

#### Primary enclosures.

The large aviary enclosure housing 3 birds is constructed of multiple panels made from small sized wire mesh that is attached to a metal frame. The small wire mesh of the wall panel below the wire mesh doorway panel had detached from the metal frame on one side. As a result, there was a space/gap between the metal frame and the wire mesh that was approximately 1 inch wide and ~ 14 inches long. The width/length of this gap was large enough for a bird to attempt to escape from the enclosure and/or entrap a leg/head and neck/wing.

Per this Section, primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so they are structurally sound, are kept in good repair, and maintained so they will contain the birds. The detached wire mesh panel needs to be repaired/secured to close the gap/space to maintain the structural soundness of the enclosure and for the health and safety of the birds. Correct by 11/3/23.

### 3.154

#### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

Although the birds at the facility were socially housed and were provided with materials to enhance their environment, a written plan for environmental enhancement to promote the psychological well-being of the birds had not been developed and was not available for review at the time of the inspection.

Per this Section, research facilities must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for environment enhancement to promote the psychological well-being of birds. The plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian and must be in accordance with currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides. At a minimum, the plan must address each of the following: social grouping, environmental enrichment, special considerations, restraint devices, and exemptions. The research facility needs to develop an environmental enrichment plan appropriate for the species of birds maintained and the plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian. Correct by 12/1/23.

This inspection and exit briefing were conducted with facility representative.

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
151	14-R-0177	001	WHEATON COLLEGE	30-OCT-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000015	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000006	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	EUROPEAN STARLING / COMMON STARLING
000021	<b>Total</b>	