



Inspection Report

Cornell University
Office Of Research Integrity And Assurance
395 Pine Tree Road Suite 320
Ithaca, NY 14850

Customer ID: **528**
Certificate: **21-C-0520**
Site: 002
Cornell University

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 21-MAY-2024

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On April 11, 2024, a barred owl was unexpectedly startled and escaped from its handler during routine walks. The individual was adhering to handling procedures but the owl jumped from the glove and the handler lost control of the owl's restraint devices. The barred owl was not recovered despite efforts to retrieve it. Escaped animals may suffer physical harm, trauma, and stress. The facility must address handling to ensure animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible to minimize these risks. Corrective actions made by the facility included trialing new tethering systems and creating guidelines and procedures for outdoor raptor equipment and handling, communication, and searches.

Correct on 5/23/24

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	AMERICAN CROW
000001	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	MERLIN
000001	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AMERICAN KESTREL
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	BROAD-WINGED HAWK
000001	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	GYRFALCON
000003	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000001	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	GOLDEN EAGLE
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000002	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	HARRIS'S HAWK
000001	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	PEREGRINE FALCON
000003	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000002	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000001	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK
000001	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	SNOWY OWL
000002	<i>Accipiter atricapillus</i>	AMERICAN GOSHAWK
000000	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000025	Total	