



Inspection Report

University Of Colorado- Denver
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Customer ID: **1834**
Certificate: **84-R-0059**
Site: 002

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 26-MAY-2016

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A review of animal records indicated that two rabbits escaped from a playpen which was used for animal enrichment and exercise. The playpen is composed of hard, durable plastic fencing on all four sides as well as hard, plastic flooring.

Facility representatives stated that an animal caretaker discovered that one of the two escaped rabbits, (a 2kg male) had an apparent left hind limb injury. A facility veterinarian was immediately notified and the animal received prompt veterinary diagnostics and treatment. A fracture of the left tibia was diagnosed and it was determined by the veterinarian that humane euthanasia was warranted.

Upon the facility's inquiry of this incident, there was no definitive or apparent cause of the rabbit's fractured hind limb. Facility representatives stated that this playpen system has been utilized for approximately ten years without any rabbit escape or injury. The facility did have concerns that floor drains/grates (approx. 24ft length by 13in. width) along both sides of this room may have had openings large enough to cause limb entrapment. The openings in the drains are about 1 inch wide between metal bars. Currently, the facility has replaced the drain on one side of this room with more solid slats with a 1/2in. width opening. Furthermore, all drains with 1 inch openings in the rabbit rooms were promptly and fully covered with either solid rubber mats or mats with very small openings following the injury to the rabbit. According to facility representatives their plan is to finish replacing all drains with the aforementioned slats with the 1/2in openings.

Following review of records and the rabbit facilities, inspectors noted that although no definitive cause of the rabbit's injury has been found, this was an adverse event which led to an animal's death.

All facilities for rabbits must be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, to protect the animals from injury, and must properly contain the animals.

This incidence was self-identified and self-corrected prior to inspection.

To be corrected from this day forward.

Exit interview was conducted with facility representatives, Dr. Jeffrey Lee, VMO and Dr. Tyler Fields, VMO.

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Species Inspected

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1834	84-R-0059	002	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER	26-MAY-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000010	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000010	Total	