



Inspection Report

Harvard University
16 DIVINITY AVENUE
ROOM 2102
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

Customer ID: **156**
Certificate: **14-R-0128**
Site: 001
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 15-JUL-2025

2.36(b)(3)

Annual report.

Protocol #21-12-404 contains an IACUC approved exception from the provisions of the AWA under Subpart B Hamsters Facilities, Indoor - Heating. This exception to the heating standard under the AWA that affected 9 hamsters was not reported by the research facility on their FY 24 Annual Report.

Per this Section, the annual report shall assure that the research facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the Act, and that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator and approved by the IACUC. A summary of all such IACUC-approved exceptions must be attached to the facility's annual report that includes a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected. Correct by (1) submitting a corrected FY 24 Annual Report to USDA that includes a summary of the exception with number of animals affected by 8/15/25 and (2) including any IACUC approved exceptions on future USDA annual reports from this date 7/15/25 forward.

2.38(f)(1)

Miscellaneous.

One Rhabdomys pumilio mouse was not handled as carefully as possible by animal care technicians during cage change on 4/16/25. The adult mice and their 8-day old litter were transferred to a clean cage and the dirty cage/bedding was then processed for sanitization. After the enclosure was processed, technicians found one pup was deceased. Veterinary staff were immediately contacted and concluded that the pup was already dead when the adults and the litter were transferred to the clean cage. This conclusion was based on the more rapid development of this species of mice after birth; 8-day old Rhabdomys pups are active, have open eyes, are fully furred, and behave similarly to an adult.

Per this Section, the handling of animals by all personnel should be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause physical harm or unnecessary discomfort. The deceased Rhabdomys pup was not handled as carefully as possible during cage transfer when animal care technicians did not thoroughly check the bedding of the dirty cage. This incident was voluntarily reported to USDA and corrective measures were implemented prior to this inspection, which included the retraining of technical staff on the cage change procedure and modifying the procedure for processing dirty cages. No additional incidents have occurred. To remain corrected from this date 7/15/25 forward.

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This inspection and exit briefing were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
156	14-R-0128	001	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	15-JUL-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000031	<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	WHITE-FOOTED MOUSE
000976	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	EASTERN DEERMOUSE
000057	<i>Peromyscus polionotus</i>	OLDFIELD MOUSE
000026	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	COTTON DEERMOUSE
000174	<i>Acomys cahirinus</i>	CAIRO SPINY MOUSE
000151	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER
000147	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	FOUR-STRIPED GRASS MOUSE
001562	Total	