



## Inspection Report

The Iams Company  
6571 State Route 503 North  
Lewisburg, OH 45338

Customer ID: 211  
Certificate: 31-R-0018  
Site: 001  
THE IAMS COMPANY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 24-FEB-2015

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#### PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.

On April 1st, 2014, a female cat named Lockett was found hanging by her front feet from a wall platform in building 4 that ultimately resulted in the animal being euthanized on April 3rd, 2014. The facility uses platforms that have a metal framework with a plastic surface that are anchored to the wall by a hinge mechanism in the indoor cat rooms. The platforms can be raised up during times of cleaning and then be lowered down to act as an elevated platform for the cats. According to staff and documents from the Attending Veterinarian, the animal was discovered in the morning of April 1st, 2014 unresponsive with its front paws caught in-between the hinge mechanism of the platform. There was blood and urine on the nearby wall. According to medical records, the right front digit 1, 4, and 5 had avulsed the toe nail. The left front digit 2 had a palpable fracture with an open wound on the palmar aspect adjacent to the pad. Medical records also stated the animal was able to touch the platform below so the animal was not hanging from all its weight. The animal received extensive care for its injuries but was euthanized on April 3rd for unresponsiveness to treatment and a poor prognosis. The facility believes the animal was caught in the hinge because the platform was not fully closed and the hinge mechanism poses no risk if the platforms are in its fully open or closed position. Since the accident, the facility has incorporated two changes. First, all wall platforms will be checked daily to make sure the platforms are securely in either the down or up position. Second, a staff member will immediately check in on the cats in the morning to address any significant concerns. According to staff, there has never been an injury associated with any of the wall platforms. The platforms were first used in 2006. Failure to adequately train all personnel to close the platform resulted in significant injury and subsequent death to an animal. Correct by ensuring all personnel are trained and qualified to properly use the wall platforms in a manner that protects the cats from injury. Corrected following this incident.

The inspection and exit interview were conducted with the IACUC Chair.

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
211	31-R-0018	001	THE IAMS COMPANY	24-FEB-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000243	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000002	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000288	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
<b>000533</b>	<b>Total</b>	