



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **852**

Certificate: **63-R-0006**

Site: 001

UNIV. OF MEMPHIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-APR-2024

3.28(a)(1) Critical

Primary enclosures.

Two dwarf hamsters were injured by their primary enclosures:

***On 9/1/23 a dwarf hamster was found with its front foot caught in the overhead grate of its enclosure. The foot was caught between two bars of the grate and a round metal plate through which the tip of the water bottle protrudes into the enclosure. The hamster's foot was immediately freed and the animal promptly underwent a medical evaluation which found apparent "soft tissue injury and lameness." Despite treatment, the foot appeared to have permanent damage and the animal was humanely euthanized per the Attending Veterinarian's instructions.

***On 1/17/24 a dwarf hamster was found with its front leg caught in the overhead grate of its enclosure. The leg was caught between two bars of the grate and a round metal plate through which the tip of the water bottle protrudes into the enclosure. The hamster's leg was immediately freed and the animal promptly underwent a medical evaluation which identified a degloving injury on the affected leg. Due to the injury, the animal was humanely euthanized per the Attending Veterinarian's instructions.

Additionally, on 8/24/23 a dwarf hamster was found with its left front foot caught in the overhead grate of the enclosure, between two bars of the grate and a round metal plate through which the tip of the water bottle protrudes into the enclosure. The animal was immediately freed and underwent a medical evaluation, and it did not appear to be injured. The facility has inspected all hamster enclosures and has replaced the circular metal plate that supports the water bottle with a square plate, and since that change there have been no additional incidents of hamsters getting stuck in the grate. Hamsters that are entangled in- or injured by their enclosure may suffer from pain, injury, or stress.

Correct by 4/18/24 by ensuring that enclosures for hamsters are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Corrected prior to the inspection.

3.153(a)(1)(ii) Critical

Primary enclosures.

On 3/22/24, a house finch (#516) was found deceased with a digit on its left foot stuck in a gap between the side and back panels of its enclosure. According to medical records and conversation with facility staff, the toe was entrapped in the back, left, top corner of the flight cage, where a small gap was visible at a juncture between the side and back wire panels of the cage. The small gap was larger at the top and tapered to a narrower opening at the bottom, and the toe was entrapped in this narrower gap. As a corrective action, the wire panels were squeezed together to eliminate the gap, and all other finch caging was inspected twice to identify and eliminate any gaps.

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Birds that are entangled in- or injured by their enclosure may suffer from pain, injury, or stress. Correct by 4/18/24 by ensuring that enclosures for birds are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Corrected prior to the inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000231	<i>Fukomys damarensis</i>	DAMARA / DAMARALAND MOLE-RAT / DAMARALAND BLES MOL
000055	<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000164	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER
000121	<i>Haemorrhous mexicanus</i>	HOUSE FINCH
000571	Total	