



Inspection Report

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
DEPT. LAB. ANIMAL RESOURCES
MISSOULA, MT 59812

Customer ID: **1067**
Certificate: **81-R-0001**
Site: 001
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 20-APR-2021

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On December 26, 2020, one of the snowshoe hares was not seen during daily observations. The hares are housed in a large outdoor enclosure containing a number of small, low hutches, open home cages and other hiding spaces for shelter and cover. The animals have free access to the entire space. The Attending Veterinarian was notified about the missing animal, and the immediate plan was to continue looking for it since hares are exceptionally good at hiding. After five days without sighting the missing hare, it was determined she likely escaped when a caretaker entered the enclosure carrying items that obscured the line of sight to the area around the caretaker's feet. The hare has not been recovered.

A new SOP was then drafted to help prevent the escape of animals when caretakers entered and exited the enclosure by ensuring animals aren't near the door and that caretakers have a clear line of sight to the whole area of the doorway when the door is open.

While the behavioral changes for caretakers should be helpful, the SOP did not include an additional physical barrier, and the large enclosures still have a single door entry between the animal space and the large outside area within the perimeter fence. Enclosures must be constructed in a way that ensures that the animals are contained within. An extra barrier between the animal space and the outside is an industry standard method to ensure containment.

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Correct by initiating steps (state contract process) to increase security of the primary enclosure within 30 days, by May 22, 2021.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility personnel.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000023	<i>Phodopus campbelli</i>	CAMPBELL'S DESERT HAMSTER / RUSSIAN HAMSTER
000052	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER
000058	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000347	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	DEER MOUSE
000016	<i>Lepus americanus</i>	SNOWSHOE HARE
000496	Total	