



Inspection Report

MOUNTAIN WEST RESEARCH
6200 E. CR 56
FORT COLLINS, CO 80524

Customer ID: **508596**
Certificate: **84-R-0093**
Site: 001
CARE RESEARCH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 29-MAR-2022

2.33(b)(3) Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

Ineffective communication and lack of documentation and follow-up between animal care staff and the veterinarians at the facility led to the death of one adult rabbit. Daily observation records from October 18, 2021 document that an employee noticed a rabbit with diarrhea and notified the veterinarian. The record on October 19, 2021 says that the communication with the veterinarian was made in passing and on October 20, 2021, employees were still unsure if the veterinarians were aware of this rabbit. The rabbit was found dead on October 21, 2021. The veterinarians have no documentation of the employees notifying them and none of the health forms had been filled out.

Failure to effectively communicate problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being to the attending veterinarian can result in worsening of issues and even death. The facility must ensure that a mechanism of direct and frequent communication exists so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

Corrections had been instituted prior to the inspection by outlining detailed methods of communication on abnormal daily observations and retraining all employees involved with animal care.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000034	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000074	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000008	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000116	Total	