



## Inspection Report

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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
100 PIEDMONT AVENUE SE  
ATLANTA, Georgia 30303

Customer ID: **907**

Certificate: **57-R-0012**

Site: 004

PETIT SCIENCE CENTER

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 02-SEP-2020

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### 3.125(a) Critical

#### Facilities, general.

On June 29, 2020, a ferret died due to a primary enclosure malfunction. The ferret was being housed individually in a double decker ventilated cage, comprised of two levels separated by a non-stationary platform. The ferret was found unresponsive and trapped between the platform and the cage wall. Shortly after being removed from the enclosure for medical intervention, the ferret died. Based on the facility's internal investigation, it was determined that the ferret was able to push the non-stationary platform up from below and tried to crawl through the gap created between the wall of the cage and the platform. The investigation concluded that the ferret became entrapped in that space, such that its chest was compressed, and it was unable to breathe. This enclosure was not constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the ferret. Housing facilities must be structurally sound to contain and protect the animals from injury. At the time of inspection, corrective actions and preventative measures had been implemented.

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

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Date:  
11-SEP-2020

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:  
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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
907	57-R-0012	004	PETIT SCIENCE CENTER	02-SEP-2020

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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