



Inspection Report

Purdue University
155 South Grant St
YONG Hall, Room 1007
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Customer ID: **779**
Certificate: **32-R-0007**
Site: 001
ALL CAMPUS SITES

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 15-APR-2025

2.32(a) Critical

Personnel qualifications.

On April 2, 2025, a black vulture escaped from its enclosure, shortly after the vulture's enclosure was done being cleaned, and was not recaptured. After the outdoor portion of the escaped vulture's enclosure was cleaned, the individual cleaning the enclosure closed the door to the outside portion of the enclosure but neglected to latch the door in accordance with the facilities standard operating procedures. The two vultures in the indoor portion of the enclosure were then given access to the outdoor portion of the enclosure. Thereafter, one of the two vultures pushed open on the door on the outside of the enclosure and escaped the enclosure. The other vulture in the enclosure stayed in the enclosure long enough for the individual that was present to close and secure the door on the outdoor portion of the enclosure and ensure the second vulture could not also escape.

The facility did not ensure that all personnel involved in the care of its research vultures were trained and/or qualified to fulfill their responsibilities, which may have negatively impacted the health and wellbeing of an escaped vulture. Birds that escape an enclosure may be at increased risk of disease and injury. Furthermore, birds that escape their enclosure may have limited access to food, water, and shelter.

The facility must ensure that all personnel involved in animal care are fully trained and qualified to perform their duties.

Corrected at the time of completion of the inspection (April 16, 2025).

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000011	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE
000005	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000016	Total	