



Inspection Report

V A Polytechnic Institute & State University
300 TURNER STREET N.W., SUITE 4120
BLACKSBURG, VA 24061

Customer ID: **492**
Certificate: **52-R-0012**
Site: 001
VIRGINIA TECH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 28-AUG-2024

2.33(b)(3) Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

Upon the arrival of two lethargic Venezuelan fruit bats, the Primary Investigator (PI) failed to notify the attending veterinarian (AV) of their condition in a timely manner and both bats died later that day. A shipment of 103 fruit bats from Colorado arrived in the morning on March 28, 2024, and were received by the PI. No university veterinarians were present during arrival of the shipment. The PI discovered one bat had not survived transport and two other bats appeared very weak and lethargic. The two weak bats were housed individually, provided food and water by the PI, including fruit, a fruit smoothie, and sugar water, and checked on frequently. Approximately 12 hours later, the bats were found deceased. According to the approved protocol, any illness or signs of abnormalities in the bats are to be reported to the university veterinarians. However, the PI failed to notify any university veterinarians regarding the poor condition of the bats upon arrival. Failure to ensure direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian regarding abnormal observations found on animals prevents the veterinarian from assessing the animals and providing adequate veterinary care. Correct by September 17, 2024, by ensuring any abnormalities found on animals during daily observations are communicated in a timely manner to the AV to ensure animals have access to prompt and adequate veterinary care.

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
000096	<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>	JAMAICAN FRUIT-EATING BAT / JAMAICAN FRUIT BAT
000015	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	SEBA'S SHORT-TAILED BAT
000002	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL
000341	<i>Haemorrhous mexicanus</i>	HOUSE FINCH
000040	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000018	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000512	Total	