



## Inspection Report

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Case Western Reserve University  
10900 EUCLID AVE  
CLEVELAND, OH 44106

Customer ID: **234**

Certificate: **31-R-0028**

Site: 001

CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 18-APR-2024

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#### Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The IACUC was not able to review and approve changes in a protocol prior to implementation. On December 8, 2023, the facility self-reported to OLAW a non-compliance involving deviation from a protocol that was not approved by the IACUC. The incident occurred on October 26, 2023, and involved an inoculation procedure performed on 3 ferrets that did not adhere to the IACUC approved protocol. The ferrets received an intra-muscular injection administered in a standard housing room. It is understood the inoculation procedure detailed in the approved protocol was to be administered under ABSL2 conditions. Medical records evaluated by the APHIS inspector for the affected animals did not indicate any untoward affects to the animals from this deviation in the protocol.

In response to the incident, the IACUC Chair appointed a subcommittee to investigate the matter and the subcommittee presented its report to the IACUC on December 19, 2023. The committee determined the matter was a serious noncompliance. The following corrective actions were approved by the IACUC in response to the incident: review of the details of the lab's IACUC protocols, audit of the affected lab, additional personnel training requirements, and amendment of the affected protocol.

Failure of notification to request changes in a protocol resulted in the IACUC's inability to carry out its function to review and approve proposed significant changes in care and use of animals in order to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. The IACUC must review and approve significant changes regarding the use of animals in ongoing activities prior to implementation.

Correct by April 18, 2024, onward. Corrective actions have been taken by the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarians.

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**Date:**

19-APR-2024

**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

**Received by Title:** Attending Veterinarian

**Date:**

19-APR-2024



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
234	31-R-0028	001	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	18-APR-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000008	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000030	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000003	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000020	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000063	<b>Total</b>	