



Inspection Report

WHALE BRANCH ANIMAL SERVICES INC
P.O. Box 299
Seabrook, SC 29940

Customer ID: **7873**
Certificate: **56-B-0109**
Site: 002
WHALE BRANCH ANIMAL
SERVICES INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 22-NOV-2021

2.40(b)(5) Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

On June 23rd 2021, an adult male Cynomolgus macaque (ID #MB-996) died unexpectedly during a routine blood harvesting procedure while anesthetized. Upon initiating the procedure, the employee noticed the primate's blood was darker than normal, alerting the licensee who was also present in the room. Chest compressions were initiated, but they were unable to resuscitate the primate.

Immediately following, the employee expressed concern that MB-996's demise was a result of oxygen deprivation due to improper placement on the transport cart prior to the procedure. When questioned about the positioning of the four sedated primates for this procedure, no malpositioning was identified by anyone present in the room, including the employee who voiced this concern.

The facility conducted an internal investigation, interviewing all parties involved. Though the employee stated they began CPR after noticing MB-996'S dark-tinged blood, another technician present stated the employee was unaware the primate stopped breathing. It wasn't until the technician brought it to the employee's attention 5-7 minutes after the procedure began that chest compressions were initiated; blood was already drawn and collected in tubes by this time. The internal investigation concluded MB-996 was alive when placed on the employee's processing table, and remained in the same

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position for several minutes before it was declared deceased. There was no overt evidence derived from direct observations by anyone in the processing room that observed MB-996 was in respiratory distress prior to its death. The inspector followed-up with the attending veterinarian during the inspection. They suspected the cause of MB-966's death was not related to the transport cart conformation, but the lack of observation and monitoring in the processing room.

Insufficient monitoring practices impede sound oversight of the nonhuman primates cared for, leading to circumstances that compromise the health and well-being of the animals. The dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.

Correct by December 8, 2021.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee and facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000266	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE /
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000267	Total	RHESUS MACAQUE