



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **1453**

Certificate: **74-R-0029**

Site: 001

The University of Texas at Austin - ARC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 24-FEB-2020

2.32(a) CRITICAL

PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.

In March 2019, one adult singing mouse was found dead in an enclosure. The death occurred when the mouse became trapped between the cage grid and the microisolator top on the enclosure. The investigation of the incident concluded that perhaps a cage grid which was slightly bent had been used on this enclosure. This created just enough space for the mouse to squeeze through. Corrective action included retraining caretakers to check for damage to the cage gridding prior to use for the singing mice. Signage has been added in the room to indicate the correct cage grid size to use for these small active mice.

In July 2019, four adult singing mice and several nursing pups were found deceased. An investigation determined a caretaker had overlooked these animals and they were not fed for several days. The other animals in the room had received daily feed. An experienced rodent caretaker assumed responsibilities for the singing mice. The newly assigned caretaker was monitored by the ARC supervisor for several months until it was determined that there were no training issues regarding care of these animals.

In August 2019, four macaques escaped their enclosure and comingled in an animal room resulting in injury to two of the animals. The injuries (bite wounds) required veterinary care. An investigation determined that the animals escaped as a result of a caretaker failing to latch the enclosure properly. Corrective action has included retraining of all primate caretakers on the correct way to latch and secure all non human primate caging types used at this facility. Signage showing the correct way to latch all non human primate enclosure has been added to rooms to further ensure the cages are latched properly.

It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

CORRECTED AT TIME OF THE INSPECTION

The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with attending veterinarian, facility veterinarians and ARC manager.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000075	<i>Baiomys taylori</i>	NORTHERN PYGMY MOUSE
000040	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000030	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000135	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000012	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000096	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>	MEADOW VOLE
000018	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000210	<i>Scotinomys teguina</i>	ALSTON'S BROWN MOUSE / SHORT-TAILED SINGING MOUSE
000616	Total	