

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

JTOMKOVITCH INS-0001387390

Inspection Report

Equitech-Bio Inc. Customer ID: 1752

512 Cotton Gin Lane

Certificate: **74-R-0161**Kerrville, TX 78028

Site: 004

EQUITECH-BIO INC.

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 05-AUG-2025

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Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

During the inspection, the following animals were identified in need of veterinary care and the facility did not communicate the condition to the Attending Veterinarian:

- An adult female goat #1576 was found to be non-weight bearing on the back right leg with the animal's hoof missing. On 8/1/2025, the facility noted this condition, separated the animal, and gave Zactran. This particular condition is not covered in the protocols approved by the Attending Veterinarian. The Attending Veterinarian was called and stated that they were not notified about this animal's condition.
- -An adult female pregnant goat #792 was found to be down. On 8/1/2025, the facility noted this condition and separated the animal. This particular condition is not covered in the protocols approved by the Attending Veterinarian and the facility did not contact the Attending Veterinarian.

During the inspection, the following animals were observed in need of veterinary care. These animals were not identified by facility personnel prior to the inspection:

- -An adult goat with ear tag # 801 was observed limping on the left front leg while in motion and non-weight bearing when stationary.
- -An adult goat with ear tag # 1968 was observed limping and non-weight bearing while in motion on the right front leg.
- -An adult goat with ear tag # 825 was observed limping on the right forelimb while in motion.
- -An adult goat with ear tag # 871 was observed limping on the left front leg while in motion.
- -An adult sheep with ear tag # 1746 was observed limping while in motion and toe touching when at rest. The animal occasionally held up the right front leg when stationary.
- -An adult sheep with ear tag # OH3321712 was observed limping on the right front leg while in motion.
- -An adult sheep with ear tag # 921 was observed limping when in motion and consistently non-weight bearing on the right rear leg when not in motion.

Failure to conduct adequate daily observations to assess the health and well-being of the animals with direct and frequent

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communication to the attending veterinarian can delay treatment leading to the condition getting worse and delays in healing. Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include daily

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This inspection and e	xit interview were conducted with F	Facility Representatives.	
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Species Inspected

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Count 000009 000298 000152	Scientific Name Oryctolagus cuniculus Capra hircus Ovis aries aries	Common Name DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT DOMESTIC GOAT SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
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