### United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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### **Inspection Report**

Northwestern State University Animal Care & Use Comm Natchitoches, LA 71497 Customer ID: 1396

Certificate: 72-R-0008

Site: 002

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 14-AUG-2014

### 2.31(c)(1)

### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Facility program reviews were conducted by the IACUC on April 12, 2013 and May 8, 2014; an eleven month interval. The IACUC is required to conduct a review of the facility's program for the humane care and use of animals every six months. The Animal Welfare Act should be used as a basis for the evaluations. This semiannual evaluation is necessary to assess facility adherence to regulations and standards and comply with the semiannual reporting requirement to the Institutional Official. In the future facility program reviews must be conducted by the IACUC every six months.

Correct by: November 2014.

### 2.31(c)(2)

### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Facility inspections were conducted by the IACUC on April 12, 2013 and May 8, 2014; an eleven month interval. The IACUC is required to conduct inspections of all animal facilities every six months using the Animal Welfare Act as a basis for their evaluations. The semiannual inspections and evaluations are necessary to assess facility adherence to regulations and standards and comply with the semiannual reporting requirement to the Institutional Official. In the future animal facilities must be inspected by the IACUC every six months.

Correct by: November 2014.

### 2.31(c)(3)

### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The results of the May 8, 2014 facility inspection documented damaged tile walls in dog primary enclosures. This minor deficiency/departure from the Animal Welfare Act was not assigned a correction date or specific plan for

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correction. At the time of this inspection the damaged walls have not been repaired or replaced. To ensure prompt action and timely or appropriate correction of deficiencies the IACUC must assign a plan of action and correction dates to identified deficiencies and departures from the Animal Welfare Act.

Correct the above by: Immediate.

### 3.6(a)

### PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Three primary enclosures housing dogs have damaged walls with tile missing near the junction with the floor. The resulting defects in the walls may prevent the enclosures from adequate cleaning and sanitizing. Primary enclosures must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair. The walls should be repaired or replaced.

Correct by: September 18, 2014.

### 3.8

### **EXERCISE FOR DOGS.**

The facility does not have a documented exercise plan for the six dogs housed individually. The plan must document that individually housed dogs have no less than twice the required floor space and need no additional exercise regimen or document the plan for exercise if this minimum requirement is not met. The plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian and be available upon request by APHIS officials. A documented exercise program is required to ensure provisions for the physical and psychological well-being of the dogs.

Correct by: September 18, 2014.

The inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility RVT.

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## **Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1396	72-R-0008	002	NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY	14-AUG-14
Count	Scientific Name		Common Name	
000006	Canis lupus familia	aris	DOG ADULT	
000006	Felis silvestris catu	ıs	CAT ADULT	
000003	Oryctolagus cunic	ulus	EUROPEAN RABBIT	