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March 24, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3079-01 [OLAW Case 3X]

Dr. Dawn A. Bonnell
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Dear Dr. Bonnell,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 11, 2020 letter reporting an adverse event within the animal care and use program at the University of Pennsylvania (Case 03-20). According to the information provided, OLAW understands that two live rats were found in a carcass freezer. They were examined, found to be healthy and humanely euthanized. Due to their condition, it was determined that they were in the freezer for a short time. The responsible party was not identified and therefore it was not determined if the animals were assigned to a protocol funded by the PHS.

All PI's and staff that use that facility were informed of the incident and were retrained in the proper procedures for the euthanasia of rats.

The prompt consideration of this matter by the University of Pennsylvania was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to prevent recurrence were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office at this time.

Sincerely,

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Brent C. Morse, DVM
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact



Office of the Vice Provost for Research

March 11, 2020

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University of Pennsylvania
 A3079-01
 Case 03-20

Dear Dr. Morse,

The University of Pennsylvania would like to report a deviation from acceptable standards. Two live rats were found in a carcass freezer by an animal care staff member. The animals were examined by the animal care staff and were found to be in good health. The rats were then humanely euthanized. There was no information available to identify the laboratory of origin for these animals. It was assumed that rats were only anesthetized during a euthanasia procedure and placed in carcass holding area. Based on the health of the animals, they were only in freezer for short period of time. The IACUC chairperson, and Animal Welfare Compliance staff informed all the Principal Investigators and staff that use the facility of the issue and retrained them in the proper procedures for euthanasia of rats. The IACUC and the Compliance Subcommittee were informed of the incident.

Sincerely yours,

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Reinhard, Gregory R; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Penn Nonstandard event

Thank you for this report Dr. Reinhard. We will send an official response soon and copy you on that letter.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Attached please find an adverse event that occurred at University of Pennsylvania (A3079-01)

Please copy me in the response. reingr@upenn.edu

Thanks
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