



April 5, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Wartburg College has been registered with APHIS since 2009, as we frequently use hamsters for research (Customer ID Number 21379, Certificate Number 42-R-0045). We are a small, undergraduate college, and thus our research is mainly in the form of semester-long projects that vary based on student interests. Recently student projects have been asking questions better suited to lab mice, and thus we've only had one hamster study since our last inspection, and we are not currently housing any hamsters. (The last inspection was April 17, 2018. The only hamster protocol since then was approved in June 2018 and was completed by early August 2018.) Students propose their projects one semester in advance, and thus I know that we will not have any hamster studies until January 2020 at the earliest. Wartburg is still interested in being registered, our IACUC is still doing our semi-annual facility inspections (without any hamsters present) and program review, and we will obviously still submit a (boring) annual report. However, there will be very little for an inspector to observe at their annual visit. When I called to ask the main office whether I should let someone know that we're temporarily hamster-free, it was recommended that I write a note to have on file, in case the inspector found this information useful. This note serves as my notification. If there are any follow-up questions I can address on the phone, my number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). I would be happy to provide an update when we do start using hamsters again, if that information would be useful.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

Attached is a letter for Wartburg College's files letting our inspector know that when they visit we don't have any hamsters or recent activity. When I called the main office they suggested I email a note like this to this email address for having on record.

Thanks.

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Note: I am not currently using YouCanBook.me (or other automated scheduling software). If you'd like to meet, email me all of your free times in the next few days, as well as let me know how long you think our meeting might take.