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Dear Dr. Kamberov,

Attached please find Dr. Morse's final response to OLAW Case A3710-M.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail.

Best Regards,
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August 7, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3710-01 (OLAW Case M)

Dr. George Kamberov
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Dear Dr. Kamberov,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of the July 28, 2020 memo with attached Final Report of Noncompliance at Mat-Su College, acknowledged by you, reporting a noncompliance with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). The memo and report supplement the information provided in the June 23, 2020 prompt preliminary report emailed to our office. From the information provide, it is understood that on May 28, 2020 a potential failure to correctly report the use of live vertebrate animals, such as dogs and cats, in teaching activities within the Veterinary Assisting Program (VETT) at Mat-Su College, a covered component of your Animal Welfare Assurance, and consequently the failure to secure UAA IACUC approval for said use, was alleged. The allegation was later verified. At the time of the contact and throughout the subsequent investigation, no animals had been used. No previously used animals were harmed to anyone's knowledge, and all animals were returned to their owners following the Veterinary Assisting teaching activities. It was not stated if the animals were/were not on a project funded by the PHS or NSF. It is understood that you have notified the USDA/APHIS.

Corrective and preventive actions include: a protocol is to be submitted, reviewed and approved prior to the use of any live vertebrate animals in the VETT Program; the UAA IACUC is to review and revise, as needed, the Branch Campus reporting Cover Letter and Report Template to clarify requirements for approved UAA IACUC Protocols for the use of live vertebrate animals on the Branch Campuses covered by the UAA OLAW Assurance and USDA Registration; the UAA IACUC Chair, IACUC Coordinator, and Director of Environmental Health and Safety is to hold a scheduled meeting with agenda and meeting minutes each term, fall, spring and summer through December 2021, with the Mat-Su College VETT Program including Program Director, Program designated faculty and staff, and the Campus Director, or their delegate, to insure adherence to the UAA OLAW Assurance, Animal Welfare Act and Regulations, and relevant UAA Policies and Procedures, and; the UAA IACUC Chair, IACUC Coordinator and Institutional Official will meet with the Chairs and administrative staff of the Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Boards, and the designated official in the Office of Academic Affairs to insure they are aware of the requirements to adhere to OLAW and Animal Welfare Regulations for the use of live vertebrate animals in teaching contexts and that UAA IACUC must approval the appropriate Protocols prior to any course at UAA being offered in which live vertebrate animals are involved.

OLAW believes that the corrective and preventive measures by the University of Alaska Anchorage are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals for institutional self-monitoring, self-correction, and self-reporting. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S Digitally signed by Brent C. Morse -S
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