



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

FOR US POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY:
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Rockledge One, Suite 360
6705 Rockledge Drive - MSC 7982
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7982
Home Page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/olaw.htm>

FOR EXPRESS MAIL:
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Rockledge One, Suite 360
6705 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
Telephone: (301) 496-7163
Facsimile: (301) 402-7065

January 31, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3645-01 (OLAW Case Z)

Dr. Gregory Westergaard
President and CEO
Alpha Genesis, Inc.
95 Castle Hall Road, PO Box 557
Yemassee, South Carolina 29945

Dear Dr. Westergaard,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 24, 2018 letter reporting an adverse event involving a nonhuman primate at Alpha Genesis, Inc. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a juvenile rhesus monkey died from asphyxiation after becoming entangled in part of a suspended torn sunshade.

The preventive action consisted of removing the damaged sunshade as well as another one so that there are no more on the property. This type of sunshade will no longer be used.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Chair
Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, USDA, APHIS, AC

A3695-7



AlphaGenesisinc.com
866.789.MONK (6665)
Fax 843.589.5290
95 Castle Hill Road
Yemassee, SC 29945

Primates 
Research 
Housing 
Bio Products 

January 24, 2018

Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institute of Health
6705 Rockledge Drive
RKL 1, Suite 360, MSC 7982
Bethesda, MD 20892-7982

Dear Director,

This self-report describes an accident that occurred on 1/15/2018. The contract number that supported the animal is HHSN272201000051C. The funding component has been notified. The Alpha Genesis, Inc. assurance number is D16-00387 (A3645-01).

A juvenile *Macaca Mulatta* was able to take hold of a piece of material that was a part of a sunshade hung above a hallway adjacent to her enclosure. The monkey somehow became wrapped in the material causing asphyxiation.

As an IACUC approved corrective action for the accident, this torn sunshade and an additional shade located on the property were removed. There are no more shades of this kind on property and they will not be used for future shade structures.

Respectfully submitted,

(b) (6)

Dr. Greg Westergaard
Institutional Official
Alpha Genesis Inc
gwprimate@alphagenesisinc.com

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Kim Schmidt; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Cc: Dr. Greg Westergaard; (b) (6) FrontDesk for Alpha Gen
Subject: RE: Self-report from Alpha Genesis, PHS Assurance D16-00387 (A3645-01)

Thank you for submitting this report Dr. Schmidt. We will send an official response soon.

Regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Acting Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

Please note that this message and any of its attachments are intended for the named recipient(s) only and may contain confidential, protected or privileged information that should not be distributed to unauthorized individuals. If you have received this message in error, please contact the sender.

From: (b) (6)@gmail.com [mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Kim Schmidt
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 3:07 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Dr. Greg Westergaard <gwprimate@alphagenesisinc.com>; (b) (6)@alphagenesisinc.com>;
FrontDesk for Alpha Gen <frontdesk@alphagenesisinc.com>
Subject: Self-report from Alpha Genesis, PHS Assurance D16-00387 (A3645-01)

Please find attached.

--

Kimberly Schmidt, DVM

Attending Veterinarian

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

www.AlphaGenesisInc.com



Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.