



## Inspection Report

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Office of Animal Resources, Office of the IACUC  
L350 P B D B  
IOWA CITY, IA 52242

Customer ID: 1576

Certificate: 42-R-0004

Site: 001

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 14-FEB-2022

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### 3.125(a)

### Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

The September 8, 2021 IACUC minutes describe an incident where an animal care technician found an escaped ferret and returned it to its enclosure. The enclosure was inspected, and no problems were found. Another employee later found the ferret had escaped but was unaware of the earlier incident and returned it to its enclosure. The ferret was later found outside its enclosure a third time. The enclosure was evaluated and determined to have slightly bent bars allowing for the animal to escape. The animal was found to be in good health and was placed in a new enclosure.

In the October 13, 2021 IACUC minutes three more incidents are described. In the first, a kit was found with its paw caught in the enclosure. The ferret was freed, evaluated, and flagged for veterinary follow-up. No treatment was determined to be needed. The enclosure was taken out of use until fixed and the jill and kits were relocated to a new enclosure.

In another incident, a ferret was found with its lower jaw stuck in the cage bars. It was freed, treated for a skin lesion under the jaw, and relocated to a new enclosure. The cage was evaluated and found to have bent bars. The enclosure was repaired.

In the third incident, a ferret was found with its paw caught in the enclosure. The ferret was freed and evaluated. No treatment was determined to be needed. The cage was taken out of use until fixed and all ferrets in the enclosure were

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relocated to a new one.

Enclosures need to be designed, built, and maintained so that they keep the ferrets contained, protecting them from potential injury, and so they don't pose a risk of injury to the animals within. The enclosures in these incidents were repaired. The facility has implemented procedures to try to better identify enclosures in need of repair and many enclosures have already been repaired or removed from service.

Correction: Ensure the process of identification of defects and repairs is ongoing.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Attending Veterinarian.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1576	42-R-0004	001	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	14-FEB-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000024	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000326	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000052	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000013	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000005	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000420	<b>Total</b>	